

IYCOC Youth Leadership Board Meeting

November 15, 2015

**MEETING MINUTES**

The Islamic Institute of Orange County

1220 N State College Blvd, Anaheim

“THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE LESS YOU HATE”

3:00 – 3:10 Welcome and Introductions Kurt Huckleberry

Attendees: Jude, Kurt, Seeret, Sheva, Gurjiv, Asha, Gurveer, Niousha, Ruby, Elena, Saloni

*(Thank you to Jude for hosting us, and to your mom for the delicious cookies!)*

IYCOC Mission Statement: (Read aloud together)

***We come together to promote respect, understanding, and appreciation for the integrity of each other’s beliefs, cultures, and traditions, through interfaith dialogue, education, and activities.***

3:10 – 3:40 Introduction to Islam Jude Muhtaseb

This is the mosque that Jude attends, it has a private M-F school, and Saturday school where students learn Quran, Arabic, and have classes in Islamic studies.

The Five Pillars of Islam are the Statement of Faith, Charity, Fasting, Prayer, and Hajj.

Islam means submission to God. The greeting is Salaam Aleikum, *(Peace be with you)*.

In the prayer hall of a mosque, the rugs face toward the Kaaba. Muslims pray toward Mecca five times per day, at sunrise, mid-day, late afternoon, sunset, and evening.

The Adhan is the call to prayer. The first prayer of the day is now at about 5:10am. There are clocks that allow you to put in your location and then they tell you the prayer times. There's also an App for phones with the call to prayer.

Each cycle of prayer begins with Al-Fatiha (The Opening). Muslims are encouraged to include their own prayer as part of the cycles. Jude went through the physical cycle of prayer - bowing, kneeling, prostrate, standing, in sequence.

Question: How is the Qur'an treated? It shouldn't be put on the ground, and should always be treated with care. One can also read the Qur'an straight from a phone.

What is the visit to the mosque like? People come in, say Bismallah (in the name of God), pray cycles of prayer together. Jude is very dedicated to doing all the daily prayers. Muslims make wudu (clean face, arms, feet, wipe over hair) for cleanliness before praying. Like many others, she goes back to sleep after morning prayers (at 5:10am).

For Muslims, the holy day is Friday. The Imam, a Quranic scholar, leads the prayer and gives the khutbah, or sermon, at the Jumma'a (Friday) mid-day service. This often includes talk about current news, and what we can do in our own lives to make a change. Sometimes Imams rotate, and speak at other mosques on Fridays.

We then had the wonderful opportunity to observe afternoon prayers at the mosque, and were welcomed by the Imam and thanked for being there. It was the first time in a mosque for a couple of students, and a beautiful experience.

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### **3:40 – 4:55 Leadership / Business Meeting**

- **Hearts and Hands: SATURDAY, November 21 (9am-noon)**
  - 2300 Bonita Canyon Drive, Newport Beach
  - [Sheva is the point person](#) (Co-Chair, Service Committee)
  - Hygiene kit item collection: Report

- The council members present sorted through the bags of donated supplies brought to the meeting, making piles by item on the big rug in the classroom. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, shampoo/conditioner, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, etc. Took a count (**last page of Minutes**) and made a plan for what will be in each bag. Aiming for an attainable 200 hygiene kits with some supplemental supplies (They will still be collecting them this week; IYCOC has budget to buy some items to complete them as well.) Passed around sign-up sheet again, Advisor Brenda Davis will be there too.
  
- **Shinnyo-en Family Service Event: SUNDAY, November 22**
- 18111 Bastanchury Rd, Yorba Linda
- Niousha, Point Person (Co-Chair, Service Committee)
- Passed around sign-up sheet, seeking more volunteers. (Seeret joins Niousha, Jude, Elena, Mahek and Asha).
  
- **Interfaith Youth Festival & Forum**
  - LOCATION: We need to confirm it within the month. Jude checked with Pacifica Institute, they just needed to know the exact timeframe for the day. Jude will follow up with that info (8:30am (set-up) through 4-5pm), will ask about capacity of the space (aiming for 200 people) and if they have enough tables/chairs. Seeret will follow up on backup plan, asking at the Sikh Center of OC. They'll both check in on group chat to let us know ASAP.
  - Assign **COMMITTEES** for event: Art, Show, Forum Questions
    - **Art: Asha, Ruby, Saloni, Ikroop**
    - **Show/Festival: Mahek, Gurjiv, Sahib, Sahej**
    - **Questions Committee: Seeret, Gurveer, Kurt, Elena**

▪ **Food Committee: Jude, Niousha, Sheva (for about 175 people)**

- **TOPIC discussion:** Smaller group discussions regarding forum questions.

**Review: What topics have we considered so far?**

- Discrimination, immigration, Syrian refugee crisis, Paris/Beirut/Japan/Baghdad
- Make it as contemporary as possible. These crises affect everyone.
- The role of the government in religion (foreign/domestic).
- The role of religion in sports (Rudy is a Sikh boxer).
- The religious/cultural divide at home (Kurt talked about The Namesake (book) as an example.
- If your parents are religious, how do you choose and pursue your own spiritual path?
- What role does your religion play in relief and assimilation?

**Theme TITLE ideas:** Assimilation, **Merging Worlds.**

The **Questions Committee** (Kurt, Gurveer, Seeret and Elena) will create three questions with 1-3 sub-questions each. They will meet at The Lost Bean in Tustin (\*will set date with four committee members and some of the Advisors).

Other committees - start talking together as soon as possible, use last year's minutes as a guide, and you can also seek advice from Kurt, Asha, Jude, and others who've done it before.

**4:55 – 5:00 Next IYCOC Youth Board meeting date & location:**

**Sunday December 13, 3-5pm at Zoroastrian Center** (Niousha confirming).

## Items Collected for Hearts & Hands

**Toothbrushes:**  $108+14+57=179$

Toothpaste: Small: 37; XS: 14

**Floss:**  $96 + 58 + 144 = 298$

Body Wash/soap: 15

Shampoo/Conditioner: 26      (Total of these three items - 54)

Body Lotion: 13

Mouthwash: 11

Deodorant: 3

Combs: 8

Tissue Packs: 5

Hand Sanitizers: 3

Sunblock: 1