

President's Report, IRCLC 2017

First of all, I want to thank Brenda Mitchell for her fine minutes, which I reviewed to develop this President's Report.

I will try to highlight a few accomplishments that have not been covered by others in their reports.

We had our Show of Unity service in February, in support of immigrants and refugees, raising over \$900 for the Catherine McAuley Center.

We sponsored a resolution to make Linn County a welcoming community with the Linn County Board of Supervisors.

We sponsored a half-page ad in the Gazette condemning acts of anti-Semitism in the US and elsewhere.

We sent \$100 and over 100 "Postcards for Peace" to the Dar Al Farooq Islamic Center in Minneapolis after their mosque had been bombed while people were worshipping there.

We made a resolution condemning President Trump's anti-Muslim tweets and called on all people of faith to stand against such behavior.

On a council level, I'm pleased with the progress made in our Facebook and website communications (Afnan and Gina) and with the efforts made by Alan to get the word out about Ethical Perspectives on the News.

We had a fun summer picnic and we continue to build camaraderie by having dinner together at Via Sofia's before our board meetings.

Thank you, Board members and all who supported our activities, and we look forward to an even better year in 2018, when we will celebrate our 25th anniversary.

Thank you.

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