

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition Meeting on June 9th at Congregation Beth Jacob in Redwood City

Attended:

Faith House	Name	
Congregation Beth Jacob (CBJ) in Redwood City	Jon	Levinson
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev Kristi	Denham
Congregational Church of Belmont	Susan	Linares
Congregational Church of Belmont	Erin	Lucett
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Debbie	Cortese
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
Pacifica Institute in Burlingame	Deanna	Kaya
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in Foster City	Dana	Izenson
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Michele	Epstein
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Dick	Heiman
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Joel	Miller
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Judy	Miller
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Lionel	Engleman
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Judy	Harris
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Kim	Lazarus
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Jeff	Savitz
Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Ineko	Tsuchida
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg
St. Matthias Catholic Church in Redwood City	Claire	Felong
St. Paul's Episcopal in Burlingame	Lisa	Striebing

- Rev Kristi gave an opening prayer
- Lionel talked all about multiple handouts distributed via a number of emails.
- Introductions all around

Multifaith Iftar Dinner on July 26th at Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo

Deanna gave us the details:

- MultiFaith Iftar dinner on July 26th at PTBE - flyers to follow.

Program

- Brief service followed by Iftar dinner.
- Start program early followed by late dinner (approx 8:30PM)
- Vegetarian menu - lots of food with soup and bread and main mail and dessert and coffee.
- PTBE can accommodate 300 people.
- Would like 30 tables with one representative from Pacifica Institute at each table.

Promotion

- How can each congregation promote this?
- Personally invite people and make sure flyer is widely distributed.
- Save the date flyer followed by more details;
- RSVP's will be necessary.
- Bottom of flyer will indicate sponsored by and supported by.

- May need more sponsorship. Will let us know.

Planning, goals and miscellaneous

- Lionel took Karen W's part as she was not able to attend meeting:

Planning subcommittee and Goals

- Lionel went over Karen W's document (email attachment) regarding Planning subcommittee
- Goal setting has moved forward with this doc.

Home and Hope

- Lionel reminded us about Home and Hope.
- Lisa S is board chair of Home and Hope.

Teen Interfaith Council

- Erin Lucett is president of SM Teen Interfaith Council (TIC).
- (TIC) Teens have an event at Candlestick coming up. (email with flyer was sent to all)
- Next TIC teen meeting is in August in Foster City.

Other

- Dana mentioned about promoting PMC on Facebook
- Rev Kristi will be turning over much of her work to Susan Linares while Rev. Kristi is on Sabbatical...

Labor Day Picnic and Community Service Event

Jon L gave us the details:

Cleanup and/or paint (Community Service)

- Cleanup and/or painting followed by picnic and games.
- Keep it low key without over planning.
- No equip for cleanup is necessary.
- People could bring their own work gloves.
- A ranger will be on site.
- Cleanup for an hour starting at 11:00AM followed by picnic at Noon.
- Every volunteer needs to sign agreement form prior to cleanup.
- Joel to send Agreement form.
- Jon will get there very early.

Picnic / Potluck Details

- Maybe add: please bring your own non-alcoholic drink.
- Perhaps ranger will give a tour.
- Maybe our group can provide paper products (cups, napkins, plates, name tags, plastic utensils).
- Try to get people to mingle at picnic.
- Parking is \$6 (cash).
- Perhaps a prayer just before lunch?
- Label the tables so that people will know food details (important because of religious concerns).
- Susan L. will bring index cards and sharpies for labeling.
- Everyone to take lots of pictures.

MLK Jr Community Day of Service

Dick H and Vickie S gave us the details:

Overall

- Can now accommodate 500-600 participants for MLK Day.
- Dick needed help and Vicky S has agreed to help Dick for overall project.
- Dick will help with school and construction projects and Vickie will help the other captains

Volunteers

- Provide a satisfying experience for volunteers and people that we serve.
- Volunteers should feel good and feel that they really made a difference.
- We really need feedback and an email from/to volunteers.
- Promote understanding of different faiths: how can this be promoted?
- Encourage people to talk and share.
- Deanna suggested that the project captains pair up the appropriate mix of people in groups
- Get people talking within projects.
- Also interact at lunch.

Projects

- There must be enough projects and some that are expandable to accommodate variables.
- Rev Kristi: looking for musicians from several faiths.
- Two potential big projects are Hospice and providing food for pets for needy that are housebound.
- Lionel has a key contact that wants to support us these projects.
- Will either of these projects work?
- Projects for parents and kids are important.
- Committee can vote later on as to what projects to do and not to do.
- 2nd Harvest is not open, but perhaps it could be a repair project?
- Big push for school projects because of time constraints and upcoming summer breaks.
- John Gill School: on Jefferson in RWC.
- They have a theater instead of a gym that needs a lot of cleaning.
- Outdoor stage needs some updating.
- Large campus on a hillside.
- Needs cabinets in a room or rooms.
- Lots of gardens to be updated. Planter boxes?
- Strong leadership at John Gill and wants help.
- However campus is very large and could cause issues.
- Most projects are outdoor and subject to weather.
- Need 2 or 3 co-captains because of large campus, etc,
- Coat and blankets is a challenge. Project Linus?
- Mormon Church will do another bracelet project?

Promote

- Help congregations get more participants.
- The more that we can connect with the clergy and leadership, the better the participation.
- Emails to go out to everyone that participated last year and encourage them to bring a friend.

Budget

- Finances are very important. Lionel needs budgets.
- Dick and Vickie need counts by projects and cost figures
- Budget may be \$8000 - \$10,000

Breakfast on the morning of the MLK Event

Deanna K gave us details.

- Breakfast possibly at. Notre Dame High School in Belmont.
- Large gym can hold 600. With big kitchen.
- Problem is cost.
- Notre Dame needs insurance rider.
- What is cost for this?

- They have to pay to have floor protected.
- One breakfast site or multiple breakfast sites?
- Or one breakfast site with multiple shifts?
- Let's wait for costs from Notre Dame before making a decision.

Mission statement.

- We agreed that we're on track based on our published mission statement.

Other topics

- Lionel: are we sharing enough info or detail about our different faiths.
- Claire talked about a previous MultiFaith meeting / dinner.
- Rev Kristi talked about the teen meeting where they each talked about their religion/faith.
- We could do this at a potluck meeting.
- Gary suggested more emails and fewer meetings in general.

Next meeting is July 7th at St. Paul's in Burlingame.

- 6:30PM potluck.

- Gary gave a closing prayer.