

**Multi-Faith Northern Peninsula Group Notes for May 5, 2014 Peninsula Temple Sholom,  
7:00pm - 9:00pm**

Attended:

<b>Faith House</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatheridge
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Ineko	Tsuchida
Congregation Beth Jacob (CBJ) in Redwood City	Jon	Levinson
Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) in Palo Alto	Karen	Wisialowski
Mormon Church (LDS) in San Bruno	Desirae	Barton
Local Peace Initiative	Vince	Perrine
Pacifica Institute in Burlingame	Deanna	Kaya
Pacifica Institute in Burlingame	Volkan	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	Jeff	Savitz
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Rabbi Dan	Feder
St. Matthias Catholic Church in Redwood City	Claire	Felong
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg

**Opening Prayer** – Lionel

**Continuation of discussion and verification of the proposed mission statement.**

Current mission statement: *"The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition brings together our diverse faith communities to build bridges of understanding and respect. We stand together with humility to acknowledge our common values, learn from one another and serve our wider world."*

- Mission statement was generally accepted except some members wanted to add something about God, other suggestions to shorten the mission statement
- Current mission statement was read by Lionel.
- Deanna said that the statement was good and people could interpret it anyway they like and read between the lines.
- Wider world refers to "just not our immediate community" and an understanding of our interfaith aspect but reaching out all over.
- General acceptance, except perhaps shorten to one sentence?
- Mission statement is not set in stone and could be improved at a later time.
- Unanimous acceptance by all and was approved.
- Mission statement is now on our web page and will be on our Facebook page. The statement should also appear on every flyer that is generated by this group.
- Dick suggested to somehow promoting our mission statement by having it appear in a local paper.
- Dick suggested that Rev Kristi had a PR contact.
- Karen W volunteered to write an article.
- Discussion of Peninsula Multifaith Coalition logo.
  - a) Improve it?
  - b) Change it?
  - c) Original was clip art, perhaps a graphic artist could improve?
  - d) Lionel's daughter is a graphic artist.
  - e) Perhaps moving symbols to inside of larger leaves?
  - f) Have each leaf represent major religion of members of our group.

**Discussion on the Vision Statement or Goal Setting**

- Form a Vision subcommittee.
- This has been started with Karen W as the lead. Vicky S also volunteered.
- What about members from the mission statement subcommittee? Can they work on the vision? Mission - who we are now; Vision - what we want to be in the future.
- Karen: maybe subcommittee could brainstorm & come up with 10 or 15 ideas and then larger group could prioritize?
- Dick talked about interaction between faith houses using education.
- Use Rev. Kristi's model to build on.
- How to involve more clergy and get new members for our group.
- Also how to get more parent/child interaction.
- Vince reached out to St. Luke's; Gary has reached out to several faith houses, also.
- Lionel will reach out to faith house in Menlo Park that also has a branch in San Mateo.
- Suggestion to have a board member from the Teen Interfaith group attend one of our meetings.
- We should really support each other events better (more publicity or whatever?)
- At our PMC meeting, each member might talk about an event coming up at their faith house, so that others in our group could attend.
- Rabbi Feder: Create opportunities for dialog among individuals .
- Reminder about Buddhist open house on May 18th.
- National and/or international basis is probably too big for us to handle (item #6 in on Vision statement in agenda).
- Hopefully Karen W's group can meet before next meeting.

#### **Further update on Labor Day Event - Jon Levinson**

- We have two large sites at Coyote Point.
- Jon will get back to the Ranger for some cleanup projects.
- Barbeques are available.
- Everyone brings their own food plus PMC may supply some food?
- Jon will get back to Joel with more details.
- Karen said that we really need to get a flyer out in early June.
- Karen will work out details re flyers and inserts to promote event.
- Michele suggested craft activities and/or sports activities.
- Claire & Michele volunteered to help on picnic committee.
- Name tags and perhaps areas of interest on name tags.
- Jon reiterated that he will get project details from ranger.

#### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Update - Dick Heiman**

- Event in 2014 was very successful.
- Great opportunity for parents/children.
- Potential to go to 500 or 600 people.
- Deanna has volunteered to be breakfast chair.
- Dick had a positive meeting with school in RWC.
- Claire & Dick also talking some more schools in RWC.
- Karen W will also contact more school.
- Vince has made some contact at San Mateo schools.
- Michele said that Monday is not a good day at Shelter Network as there are far fewer residents.
- Saturday or Sunday is a much better day for Shelter Network project.
- Revisit Second Harvest in San Carlos.
- Michele and/or Judy will check into 2nd Harvest.
- Gary will contact Hillcrest Juvenile Hall in San Mateo.
- Desirae indicated that their group will help with breakfast, blankets, and journals. Shawls, blankets could be knitted.
- Karen said that she had 20 people from the last MLK day that want to do more.
- Everyone should come to the next meeting with specifics.
- Help co-chair the upcoming MLK Day event.
- Send project ideas to Dick or Joel before the next meeting.
- Have 2 or more breakfast sites per Deanna.

#### **Other**

- Deanna suggested a Ramadan event. Probably month of July

**Next Meeting** - June 9, 2014 at Temple Beth Jacob in Redwood City at 7:00pm