

Meeting of April 8th at Congregational Church of Belmont

Attending:

Desirae	Barton	LDS
Florence	Beier	PTBE
Rolf	Beier	PTBE
Rev Kristi	Denham	Cong Church of Belmon
Lionel	Engleman	PTS
Claire	Felong	St. Matthias
Debbie	Grewal	LDS
Judy	Harris	PTS
Dick	Heiman	PTBE
Dana	Izeson	Peninsula Sinai Cong.
Jon	Levinson	Cong Beth Jacob
Joel	Miller	PTBE
Jeff	Savitz	PTS
Vickie	Sherman	1st Presbyterian
Karen	Wisialowski	JCRC

Rev Kristi – led us in prayer

Mission and Vision:

- Lionel – what do we want to really do in the future; sharing ideas?
- Proposed Mission statement from mission committee: *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 server our wider world.*
 - Committee spent over 4 hours going over each word.
 - God was not put in because of Buddhists and possibly Jews.
 - Discussion all around at meeting – perhaps add wording like: in pursuit of a holier or higher or sacred purpose.
 - Mission not set in stone, but can be a living document and can be revisited at any time.
 - We addressed all known concerns including those who were not at the meeting.
 - Additional concerns can certainly addressed at a later time.
 - Lionel will take up addressing concerns of those who were not at meeting and will communicate with group.
 - Delay vote on accepting mission statement until we get additional face to face attendance. Table vote until next meeting. Try to attend next meeting if anyone has specific concerns regarding our mission.
 - Vision: what do we really want to do in our next phase?
 - Lionel made some suggestions and group discussed.
 - Karen – expand community service in a more meaningful way
 - Mission and vision committee will continue to work on vision and direction.

Expansion of our group (tied to vision)

- Rev Kristi – add her interfaith education group to our group and/or add subcommittee for interfaith activities (a possibility)
- Youth Interfaith leadership council of SM County meets on April 27th at CC of Belmont. Meeting starts at 4PM. Rev Kristi will create flyer. Age group is 12 and above. Rev Kristi is organizer.
- Volunteers for Interfaith subcommittee: Vicki Sherman, Rev Kristi, Jon Levinson, Claire Felong
- Discussion of getting congregations in Southern Peninsula i.e. Beth AM in Los Altos
- Claire talked about a lot of interfaith activity tied to environmental issues in RWC, Palo Alto, etc.
- Debbie talked about tying a theme to our activities
- Florence said that there are so many faith houses right here in our neighborhood, so we may be spreading too thin and Jon seconded that idea.
- But we can certainly keep our doors open to any other faith houses.
- Rev Kristi and Karen talked about distance issues
- Jon thought that we need more congregations of color.
- Claire thought that the congregations of color are heavily involved in their own issues

MLK Day of Service

Expansion

- Do we want to grow?
- Possible to add 3 or 4 more congregations by next MLK day.
- Challenges would be large number of projects and a lot more captains.
- Expansion issues: Dick talked about the success of MLK day and how wonderful it was with so many parents and children

School Projects

- Concerned about schools projects for MLK day.
- Time critical part is schools and we have to talk to schools immediately.
- Possible potential is in RWC per Dick.
- Another school per Claire.
- Dick said that we really need to start our time critical projects immediately.
- Jewish Literacy Projects may have some school ideas.

Breakfast

- Deacon John will check into Notre Dame for breakfast;
- Debbie will check into using LDS church in San Bruno for MLK breakfast.

Projects

- Karen talked about really cracking down on minimum and maximum number of volunteers per project
- Victims of our own success.
- MLK day structure and projects - Dick and Joel and Claire and Karen will help with structure and starting of MLK projects.
- Dick suggested co-chairs for MLK day.
- Dick and Karen will put together some sort of way to call for projects.

Publicity

- Save the date should go out again. January 19th in 2015.

- Karen will send out a note to each faith house regarding MLK volunteer that indicated a desired to be more involved in interfaith

Budget

- Budget & contributions for MLK Day of Service (see below)
- Suggest to each faith house to put money aside for MLK day.

.Thank You

- Joel & Debbie talked about Thank You note and pictures from Ukrainian orphanage regarding craft projects on Day of Service (these have now been posted to our Multifaith website)

Picnic on Labor Day

- Picnic at Coyote Point Park – 2 sites will allow 150 or so.
- Community service event may be part of this.
- Jon has talked with local ranger at Coyote Point.
- Event will be from 1:00 to 4:00.
- Save the date for Labor Day.
- Jon will work on flyer.
- Karen will help with this flyer and can send to everyone who attended MLK event.
- Karen thought there should be a sign and some sort of item that they will bring

Next meeting: Possibly May 27th at 7PM at Congregation Beth Jacob in Redwood City (date may change)

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition - Contributions and Budget								
Contributions for MLK Day of Service - 2014				Projects	Budget	Actual	Difference	
Direct Contributions:				Breakfast for volunteers	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	
	Multifaith Houses	\$2,550.00		Book Drive	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
	Individuals	\$813.00		Primrose	\$651.00	\$651.00	\$0.00	
	JCRC	\$200.00		Hoover	\$1,500.00	\$1,013.00	\$487.00	
				Hoover - Custodian	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	
	Total	\$3,563.00		Lomita School	\$750.00	\$512.00	\$238.00	
Contributions in Kind:				Safe Harbor	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	
	Faith Houses	\$300.00		Shelter Network	\$300.00	\$355.00	-\$55.00	
	Individual	\$500.00		Syrian Warm Coats	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
	Total	\$800.00		Ukrainian Crafts	\$350.00	\$1,108.00	-\$758.00	
Contribution Total				Totals	\$4,801.00	\$4,589.00	\$212.00	