

## Peninsula Multifaith Coalition meeting of Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 held at Peninsula Temple Sholom in Burlingame

### Attending:

Desirae	Barton	LDS
Carol	Deatheridge	1st Presbyterian
Gary	Deatheridge	1st Presbyterian
Rev Kristi	Denham	Cong Church of Belmont
Lionel	Engleman	PTS
Michele	Epstein	PTBE
Claire	Felong	
Judy	Harris	PTS
Dick	Heiman	PTBE
Dana	Izenson	Peninsula Sinai Cong.
Deanna	Kaya	Pacifica Inst.
Kim	Lazarus	PTS
Jon	Levinson	Cong Beth Jacob
Joel	Miller	PTBE
Judy	Miller	PTBE
Vince	Perrine	Local Peace Initiative
Jeff	Savitz	PTS
Jim	Sell	St. Barts
Vickie	Sherman	1st Presbyterian
Ineko	Tsuchida	Shinnyo-en Foundation

### Recap of Projects by Project Captains:

#### Rev Kristi (Breakfast MC and Singing for the Elderly)

- Talked about her wonderful experience with cooks starting early for breakfast.
- She also spoke about the songs that were sung at the “Singing for the Elderly” project.
- Songs such as: This little Light of Mine, Kumbaya, etc.
- Many songs were sung twice. Sung from 11:00 – Noon.
- Eight of members from Cong Church of Belmont attended her singing project.
- Dozens of members from Cong Church of Belmont attended various other projects.

#### Jeff Savitz (Finances)

- Did not have an update on costs and expenses.
- Update will come later and we will get further communication soon

#### Jim Sell (Lomita Park School)

- Used faculty at Rebuilding neighborhoods (Contact is Cari Chen), to prebuild coat racks
- Fun project.
- He organized it, but had a lot of help.
- Built 13 coat racks with 200 hooks and assembled at Lomita Park School in San Bruno.
- Plus they also reorganized the library at the school.
- Kids at school were very appreciative and wrote lots of letters of appreciation.
- Teachers were also very appreciative.
- Jim Sell to scan thank you notes and send to Joel and post on our site.

**Mike G.** (Call Primrose) represented by Lionel and via email

- everything went well
- 16 volunteers
- put in new carpet,
- installed 3 new shelving units,
- Suggest that for future years, try and get the purchase and delivery of the food items better organized

**Gary D.** (Safe Harbor)

- Limo brought soup from Pacifica Inst.
- Everything went well.

**Deanna K.** (Breakfast)

- Volunteers were excellent.
- They hit the ground running.
- First Presbyterian Church was very helpful.
- All food lasted right thru the end.
- Congestion at the lines.

**Jon L.** (Book drive)

- Processed 1245 books.
- 98% were new or almost new and were donated to Hoover school.
- Lots of thanks.
- Most books came in the last week or two.
- Bins were overflowing.
- 15 volunteers worked very hard.
- Suggestion is to try and get contributions started earlier.
- Tell volunteers to bring books or clothing in final email or emails to volunteers

**Heidi K** (Projects for orphans in Ukraine) represented by Desirae Barton.

- 20 baby beanies;
- 200 bracelets
- 20 fleece blankets;
- 20 – 30 personalized journals.
- Lots of cards.
- 80 volunteers.
- Great experience.
- Most kids knew how to make the bracelets.

**Vince P.** (Clothing drive for Syrian refugees):

- Less clothes than last year.
- But several volunteers had done this before
- 72 boxes with over 2000 items of clothing.
- For next year, get the word out sooner for more contributions.
- We would really appreciate feedback from the Ukrainian orphanage and the Syrian camps.
- Specific feedback will help in the future.

**Ineko T** (Hoover school).

- 100 volunteers lined up and Ineko got volunteers fired up.
- Lots of thank you notes from students at Hoover.
- Many volunteers (more than expected).
- Maybe split up projects and project leaders in the future.

**Michele E & Kim L.** (Shelter Network)

- 20 – 25 volunteers. No problems.
- They had a movie “42” (Jackie Robinson story) showed to many children and teens
- Also ran a children’s programs with art and crafts followed by a barbeque lunch.
- One volunteer repaired basketball hoop.
- A reporter showed up and took pictures.
- Picture and article appeared in the Daily Journal

**Karen W.** (overall recap) presented by Dick Heiman

- Presented a PowerPoint summary as follows:

**By the Numbers**

<b>385</b> volunteers	<i>We donated, cleaned, built...</i>
<b>62%</b> new this year	<b>1,245</b> books
<b>9</b> sites ~ <b>12</b> projects	<b>2,100</b> articles of warm clothing
Breakfast for <b>300</b>	<b>313</b> homemade items
	<b>27</b> classrooms

  

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>92% Excell/good</b></li><li>• <b>28% Involved next year</b></li><li>• <b>Motivated to give back &amp; be with family</b></li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Delicious breakfast</li><li>✓ Opening remarks appreciated</li><li>✓ Fun and rewarding</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Check-in and food lines congested</li><li>✓ Greeters would be helpful</li><li>✓ Not all volunteers received pre-emails from captains</li><li>✓ Too many volunteers for the workload</li></ul>
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### Comments and Suggestions for Future Days of Community Service

- Bi Rite donated food for breakfast and discounted food for Safe Harbor.

- Liability forms should be online and also part of the signup procedure.
- We are planning on sending letters to contributors and volunteers – Karen W will handle this.
- Lionel expressed gratitude to everyone and said it was above and beyond.
- Dick H seconded the gratitude.
- Joel to get survey results from Karen W and post on our site.
- Forward list of 28 or so who wanted to be further involved.
- A significant number of parents and families want to be involved.
- About 150 children at event.
- Checkins and food lines were congested.
- More greeters would be helpful.
- Not all volunteers received emails from their captains.
- Not all volunteers kept busy.
- More tables and more greeters.
- Move food beyond the sign in area.
- Food lines should be opposite side of room from sign ins.
- Greeters should be outside.
- Maybe some outside tents in the parking lot.
- 2 breakfasts instead on 1 located north and south peninsula.
- School should have strong leadership to work with project captains well in advance.
- Dick recognized Florence and Karen W for all of their assistance.
- Lots on interactions between faith houses this year.

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### **Beresford Park**

- Beresford on Labor Day. Labor Day was voted on as best day instead of last Sunday in August
- Reserve room at Beresford for Labor Day.
- We need to have some sort of program to get people to attend.
- Organize some teams for sports?
- Encourage faiths to interaction.
- Scavenger hunt or treasure hunt?
- Desirae will follow up with her church to see availability.
- Come back with some ideas for a program on Labor Day.
- Is Labor Day available?
- Key issue is content and not just the facility.
- Maybe Coyote Point is a better venue; or Huddart Park;
- We need a team of 3 or 4 to look into facility. Neutral site instead of a congregation.
- Jon L & Claire F & Florence B & Karen W & Dick H to form team to check on alternate sites

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Form another committee for PMC mission and future and vision – Rev Kristi & Vicky Sherman & Karen W & Judy Harris & Deanna & Desirae on this team

**Freedom Seder:** March 23<sup>rd</sup> LDS and JCRC at LDS Church in Foster City



## *Stories of Freedom*

### **2014 Peninsula Freedom Seder**

*Mormon and Jewish Perspectives*

**Sunday, March 23, 2014**

**5:30 to 7:30 pm**

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

**1000 Shell Boulevard, Foster City**

A Passover Seder tells the ancient story of Jewish liberation and exodus from slavery in Egypt. At our multicultural Freedom Seder, we will explore our stories of freedom from both Mormon and Jewish points of view. The Seder costs **\$20** per person and includes a [catered] vegetarian dinner. Suggested age: 12 and above. To sign up, please visit:

[www.tinyurl.com/mormonjewishseder](http://www.tinyurl.com/mormonjewishseder)

If you would like to help support the program, please consider becoming a co-sponsor. Sponsorships enable us to offer Freedom Seder tickets **at a modest price** so that all can attend. Co-sponsors are allocated 2 tickets and are acknowledged in the program and at the event. For more details please contact Karen Wisialowski of the JCRC at 650-847-1715 or [kwisialowski@jcrc.org](mailto:kwisialowski@jcrc.org) or Debbie Grewal of LDS at [grewal.debbie@gmail.com](mailto:grewal.debbie@gmail.com).

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**Next Meeting.** April 8<sup>th</sup> at Cong. Church of Belmont from 7:00 – 9:00 PM

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