

## Notes for October 28th, 2013 Peninsula MultiFaith Coalition Meeting

Location: Pacifica Institute 1310 Bayshore Hwy in Burlingame

7:00pm – 9:00pm

### Attended:

Judy Harris, Deanna Kaya, Judy Miller, Joel Miller, Dick Heiman, Rev. Kristi Denham, Jeff Savitz, Jon Levinson, Karen Stiller, Lionel Englemann, Vince Perrine, Florence Beier, Rolf Beier, Vicky Sherman, Gary Deatheridge, Ineko Tsuchida, Carol Deatheridge, Kim Lazarus, Heidi Kershaw

### Opening Prayer and remarks by Lionel.

### Finances

- Jeff Savitz talked about finances and showed a balance sheet.
- The group now has a \$418 balance.
- All **future contributions** should be made out to Peninsula Temple Shalom, c/o Sandy Silverstein. Please designate that the contribution is for the Multi-Faith Committee.  
The address is - 1655 Sebastian Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010.

### Update on the Peninsula Multi-Faith website – Joel M

- Web site is: [www.peninsulamultifaith.org](http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org)
- Calendar on website shows current and previous meetings.
- Link shows links to important sites
- Pictures of events and other event materials will be posted here.

### General Project Comments – Dick H.

- Last year 7 projects in 4 venues with 175 people.
- This year we have a number of projects and may need 250 people.
- What projects are important; what should we do?
- Create an attractive evite.

### Hoover School Project - Ineko

- Ineko and Dick and Florence visited Hoover school (K-8)
- 900 students – school tour – near Costco in RWC.
- School is underserved and has a lot of low income families;
- Principal and coordinator created a wish list.
- Room that teaches ESL could use help – cleaning etc.,
- More visible signage, painting murals and have students come up with design.
- Tabletops and desktop cleaned and sweep up floor – basic cleanup; improve vegetable garden outside – maybe benches.
- Menlo Presbyterian Church did a service day there at the school in April.
- Hoover seems to work better than McKinley as they are more in need and better suited to our volunteers.
- Already turned down McKinley via emails.
- no problem I our group helping even though the church helps there in April;
- Menlo Pres is interested in helping our group as a partner and could supply 10 -20 volunteers for MLK day.
- Dick said that Hoover would work as you could add volunteers (Accordion effect).
- Jon expressed concern about building benches.
- Liability issue?
- At visit possibly parents, teachers and staff might help and be there.
- But Menlo Presbyterian said that at their event – only a handful showed up.

- Karen said that possibly there could be a lunch/literacy event at that school that day.
- Books supplied, story ready or storytelling.
- This would dovetail with the service event.
- As a separate JCRC project?
- Book drive would be at Hoover;
- Group will go back to Hoover to get feedback
- Also some families, etc could attend just for book drive, literacy – sort of synergy effect.
- Ineko talked about getting help from professional company regarding mural prep and painting.
- Is this even feasible?
- Suggestion to probably eliminate mural.
- Mural eliminated.
- *Update:* Menlo Presbyterian (San Mateo branch) has decided that they are not interested in our project.

### **Shelter Network Project – Kim**

- 3 floors. Jackie Speir's volunteers also work there serving meals on weekends...
- Possible barbeque; families turn over every 60 days at most.
- Some sort of lunch and entertainment?
- Still a big question mark there;
- Most kids are 8 and under.
- Gary suggested having the book drive there, but they have no space, etc.
- Deanna thought that the kids wouldn't appreciate books or stories.
- Other problem is that families don't know each other and only one large room for possibly reading stories etc,
- Director also wanted some tie in with actual life of MLK.
- They would appreciate a meal on MLK day.
- Deanna expressed concerns about too many unknowns,
- Weather? Family turnover? Etc.
- Dick suggest a meeting with Rob Vernon (manager) and Dick and Michelle and Kim

### **Veterans Project -Rev Kristi**

- she talked to Chaplin and maybe an interfaith service celebrating MLK and/ or some sort of reception with healthy finger food
- Keep it simple.
- Menlo VA center.
- We would need faith leaders there to participate.

### **Elderly project - Rev. Kristi**

- San Bruno senior housing –
- Perhaps singing and guitars entertainment for elderly.
- On El Camino in San Bruno.

### **Safe Harbor – Gary**

- Project looks good & is pretty much set...

### **Coat drive Project – Heidi**

- Is same as last year with coats for Syrian refugees. Collect and box coats at First Presbyterian.
- Also orphanages in Ukraine. Kids are yearning for beaded bracelets or leather bracelets.
- Something different and colorful. Scarves would also work. Would have to have bracelet kits in advance.

### **Lomita School Project:**

- Several members visited there.

- They need backpack and coat hooks.
- 30 hooks per classroom and/or shelving.
- 6 classrooms.
- School is in San Bruno/Millbrae.
- This project will require a little carpentry background.

### **Primrose Center Project – Mike Glass report by Lionel E.**

- Don (from NVIDIA Facilities) and I visited Primrose today.
- Don has a comfort level on the agreed projects:
- put in carpet squares w/ self adhesive (estimated 465 sq feet)
- feel we should be ok when we pull up existing carpet, base floor in
- good shape
- moving boxes, etc. not a big deal, most of this stuff in room is
- pretty light
- I'll provide all necessary tools (carpet knife, pliers, chalk line, etc.)
- add likely 3 shelving units on right wall (2 6 ft shelves, 1 4 ft shelf)
- Estimated total cost should not exceed \$1,000
- I'll plan to donate \$250 & w/ company match, then \$500, so plan that
- we will need an extra \$500
- I think if we can get about 10-12 volunteers, that would be great.

### **Additional Project Comments**

- Captains needed for breakfast and Lomita.
- Rev. Kristi volunteered Irene Hall from her church to Captain the breakfast...
- Michelle E can do the shopping like she did last year.
- Volunteers brought sweet rolls and eggs and contributions
- Deanna K. and Irene Hall from Cong. Church of Belmont will both be co-captains for the breakfast
- We still need captain and co-captain the Lomita school project.
- Publicity is key.
- Can we get 230 people? If not, we may have to cut projects.
- We need to really advertise.
- How can we do an effective save the date? Soon.
- Karen has the list and can send out an email blast.
- Research e-vite and perhaps some other options. Individual congregations should put save the dates in their bulletins, etc.
- Karen talked about non-profit corporate giving to supply materials. We should also try and bargain at individual stores.
- We still need a captain for the Lomita school project.
- Lionel will ask Mike Glass for a recommendation
- Heidi will ask Norm (last year's fantastic professional painter) for a recommendation.
- All captains need to bring much more details before the next meeting.
- Karen S reported on research she has done on obtaining grants at places like Home Depot, etc.
- May be too late for grants
- Should be done under the banner of JCRC as they are a 501c(3)
- Captains of each project should contact Gary D. with their food requirements.
- Gary may be able to get a good deal on purchasing food for the entire project as he has a contact at Bi-Rite.
- Each project captain needs to send volunteer and cost requirements to Joel / Lionel / Dick.

**The next meeting is November 18<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian in Burlingame at 7PM**