

Notes from meeting of November 18th, 2013

MultiFaith Meeting

Location: First Presbyterian of Burlingame

Attended:

Name		From	Name		From
Florence	Beier	PTBE	Heidi	Kershaw	LDS
Rolf	Beier	PTBE	Kim	Lazarus	PTS
Carol	Deatheridge	1st Presbyterian	Jon	Levinson	Cong Beth Jacob
Gary	Deatheridge	1st Presbyterian	Joel	Miller	PTBE
Lionel	Engleman	PTS	Judy	Miller	PTBE
Michelle	Epstein	PTBE	Vince	Perrine	
Mike	Glass	PTS	Ramona	Raybin	PTBE
Debbie	Grewal	LDS	Jeff	Savitz	PTS
Irene	Hall	Cong Church of Belmont	Jim	Sell	St. Barts
Judy	Harris	PTS	Vickie	Sherman	1st Presbyterian
Dick	Heiman	PTBE	Karen	Stiller	JCRC
Deanna	Kaya	Pacifica Inst.	Ineko	Tsuchida	Buddhist
Heidi	Kershaw	LDS	Karen	Wisialowski	JCRC
Judy	Harris	PTS	Lisa	Wong	St. Pauls
Dick	Heiman	PTBE			
Deanna	Kaya	Pacifica Inst.			

Gary D started with an opening prayer.

Opening remarks by Lionel E.

- Karen W. is now the new Northern Peninsula Director of JCRC (A role that Karen Stiller previously held). Karen Stiller has now been promoted within JCRC (but will still be involved with our group).

**MLK Jr. Day of Service Project Updates:**

**Primrose Project (Mike Glass)**

- Partially sponsored by 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian.
- He has been working with Mary Watt
- Replace carpet with self adhesive tile and some shelving.
- Purchasing 3 new shelving units.
- Costs would be about a \$1000 at Lowe's (but Lowe's offered a 50%) discount
- With donations the project should not cost anything
- Carpet \$761 + \$240 for shelving (all at 50%) discount.
- Mop the floor and then dry and lay the carpet
- 465 sq feet and another smaller kitchen area.
- 15 volunteers needed.

**Hoover school Project - Ineko and Dick and Karen W. and Florence**

- Meeting with Karen W. and Karen S. and Dick met with coordinator at Hoover.
- Perhaps combine with literacy project.
- Volunteers would clean classroom and then have a book drive and then literacy with storytelling.
- All this prior to lunch and then all volunteers and families come together at lunchtime.
- As many as 40 families could participate – this is a community school.
- No benches to be constructed (part of original project) because of liability.
- Florence talked about the sign and owner of "Fast Sign" could develop and put up the sign.

- Sign cost would be \$200 - \$300 or lower?
- Sign would only require a few volunteers.
- Entire project - 70 volunteers plus 40 community families
- This would be very large.
- Project could cost up to \$2500.
- Budget needs to be tuned up.
- Jon L said that we can't have too many families as it would be very hard to manage.
- One team managing cleaning; one team managing lunch etc. something to consider.
- Maybe 20 families should be the limit
- Jon L & Judy H. will handle books and literacy at Hoover
- Hoover is at 701 Charter St. RWC near Costco.

### **Veterans project**

- is cancelled.

### **Entertaining the elderly project –**

- Follow up with Rev. Kristi.

### **Shelter Network Project – Michele and Kim**

- San Mateo facility – condo type facility.
- 50 children and parents people will be there on MLK day
- MLK art projects for different groups of kids. S
- Show the movie “42” to teenagers as it is inspirational.
- Perhaps a barbeque as they have a barbeque there and basketball playing?
- Also have a toiletry drive and bring toiletries to shelter network.
- Kids would love to have a guitar player.
- Perhaps Rabbi Callie (PTBE) or Rabbi Rebecca (PTS)?
- 15 to 20 volunteers needed for this project.
- Teenagers from different faith houses could sing. Deanna said that Pacifica has a couple of teenagers that could help perhaps.

### **Coat drive Project - Heidi**

- sorting of clothing and box up and load vans (similar to last year)
- no cost (20 – 30 volunteers)
- Faith house should also have barrels for coats and/or bring directly to breakfast.
- Coat sorting will be done right after breakfast at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian

### **Ukrainian orphans project – Heidi –**

- Newborns to 17 years old – beads and necklaces – colors and bright.
- Beaded items – Heidi already got a lot of beads.
- Crochet hats and teach how to crochet.
- Make cards.
- Decorated items.
- All could be done at the San Bruno LDS church – could accommodate as many as 100 volunteers – no lunch or at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian.

### **.Safe Harbor Project – Gary**

- Ordering food for this event and breakfast 15 – 18 volunteers.

### **Lomita School Project**

- Jim Sell and Jeff Savitz and Dick are meeting later about Lomita.

### **Publicity and Volunteer signup**

- Karen W and Karen S and Joel to perhaps discuss for implementation in December for online invites
- No 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choices.
- Project description with participants ages and what to bring.
- Projects will be posted and x number of volunteers.
- When that project is full, then the next project and so on.
- Heidi and Karen W will work on the flyer.
- Karen S / Karen W have a list of all prior attendees at events.
- Irene H will ask Rev Kristi to ask Mickey Carter re publicity afterwards or on that day.
- Summary of projects needs to be done by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Breakfast Project –Deanna**

- did a cost analysis with volunteers expected to see approx cost.
- Pacifica will supply some ethnic items.
- maybe they would need 20 or so volunteers to help with breakfast.

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### **General comments for all projects:**

- cost of food is going to be very expensive.
- Project leaders should contact Gary as he can perhaps get a discount.
- maybe Costco or?? could supply pizza or sandwiches at a discount.
- Karen S said that she could supply Costco with a non-profit letter template.
- Safe Harbor, Hoover, Primrose, and Breakfast projects all need food.
- Send all project reports to Joel by end of November with details.
- Deanna was going to talk to Smart and Final to possibly get a food discount.
- Coordinate food purchases and send Joel a note with any purchase and/or discounts.
- Letterhead needed with a sample letter.
- Contact Karen W for a sample letter.
- Get all money donations and procedures from Jeff S.
- Book drive: each faith house should have a barrel to gather books and then sent to Cong Beth Jacob.
- Books will have to be sorted before MLK day.
- Books could also be brought to breakfast.
- Dick suggested paper goods for all projects.
- Costco is best for paper goods
- Suggestion to read all or part of MLK I have a dream speech at the breakfast.
- Poster of MLK at the breakfast.

### **Future goals**

- Jim Sell said that we should promote social justice in our community
- Vicky S said that we should interface with larger similar groups to learn from them
- Bring our youth together
- Sign up at breakfast to perhaps develop more youth interest.
- Break up into smaller group or sub sets

### **Next Meeting**

- (possibly December 9<sup>th</sup> at PTBE). Not yet confirmed.