

MULTIFAITH GROUP Meeting held on 6/10/13 at St. Pauls

Attending: Lionel Engleman, Rev Kristi Denham, Lisa Streibing, Lisa Wong, Karen Stiller, Ildus Ahmadullin, Judy Harris, Dick Heiman, Jim Sell, Gary Deatheridge, Florence Beier, Rolf Beier, Duane Clapp, Ineko Tsuchida, Kim Lazarus

I. Introductions followed by Prayer

Lionel: Welcome to Duane from Menlo Park Presbyterian

II. Florence, Rev Kristi, Karen, Lisa Streibing, Ildus: MultiFaith Family Gathering @ Beresford

A. Meeting Report

Flyers will be ready as soon as we finalize sponsor list.

We want to build on success of last year.

We want to have a schedule (not so free form, not too organized)

B. Activities

- Kristi has ideas for ice breakers: Stick following stickers on your back: "Ask me what I am passionate about/what I do to for volunteering?"
- Folks from Mormon church to do registration again.
- Karen will do sign-ups to collect email addresses of attendees.
- Dancing! Music! Food!
- We may have some Turkish music.
- We will have Greek dancing, maybe Israeli dancing, maybe a cupcake walk for the little kids.
- Florence will talk to the Sikhs (and they have amazing music!)
- Set-up crew must be there at 3pm

C. Costs

\$400 for rent, paper goods and printing from JCRC

D. Sponsorship

- Who will confirm with following churches whether they are participating?
- LDS: Lisa
- Congregational Church of San Mateo: Florence
- First Presbyterian: Lionel
- St. Bart's: Jim Sell
- Unitarian Universalists: Rev. Kristi
- Sikhs: Florence
- Yaseen: Kristi
- MPPC; Dwayne

III. Freedom Seder 2014

A. Date

March 30 or April 6

B. Location

We need to ask Mormon Church about their willingness to host. Rev Kristi to ask Heidi
Alternates: St. Bart's and Beth-El

- C. in 2013 it was smaller, more intimate and didn't charge, but we had to turn people away.
Ideally, we would have a congregation REALLY host the whole thing: location and organization

- D. Sub-Committee for Freedom Seder
Rev. Kristi, Judy Harris, Lisa Wong

IV. Momentum of the Group: Lionel

Doing Action v. Attending Meetings

We need to know that our congregations are there to support the group.

V. Other Subcommittees

A. Rebuilding Together Peninsula: Dick, Lisa S. and Karen will meet with them on Thursday. They charge \$10,000 to put on event. We don't want them to take over the planning of the event. Lisa and Dick will give a report to Joel.

B. Do we want to get involved in the Divorce and Relationship Recovery Group?

VI. Book Drive

A. Lomita Park School in Millbrae confirmed. We will collect books at picnic and also have a book-sorting party + meal + discussion. ING (Islamic Network Group) will provide the food.

B. Tentative Date: October 6

C. Possible Locations: Pacifica Institute; Sholom

D. Volunteer tutors at Belle Air School are needed! Commitments are 1 hour a week.

VII. MLK Day 2014

A. Could we use Lomita Park as a possible site for MLK 2014? Yes, possibly.
Quilt Project to help with acoustics in cafeterias. Children's project for Sunday School?
Book Shelves

B. Idea for a Model: Lionel contacts Team Leaders (4-6), who tour the school together. Team Leaders will pick a co-captain to help with program. Teams will build in this way, year after year.

C. Feeding People at Safe Harbor--we want to repeat this

D. Can we have breakfast at Burlingame Presbyterian?

E. We should build in a flexible project to absorb extra volunteers.

F. Funding: We came out more than even by \$900.

G. Food Collection; My New Red Shoes; School Supply Drive; Samaritan House; Project Read; San Mateo Library Cleanup; Retirement Homes

H. Information booth at the breakfast to inform people where they can volunteer on an ongoing basis

I. Look at additional sites as well. Karen to research which schools JCRC is already working with.

J. Have a Literacy Event at a church, giving out free books, reading time, free meal.

Next meeting – July 29th at St. Paul's (tentative). Beresford Committee to meet in early July.

