

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition notes for July 29, 2013

Meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Attended: Lisa Streibing, Joel Miller, Judy Miller, Karen Stiller, Lionel Englemann, Duane Clapp, Rev. Kristi Denham, Dick Heiman, Judy Harris, Florence Beier, Rolf Beier, Heidi Kershaw, Jeff Savitz, Gary Deatheridge, Rubic and Donna from 1st Presbyterian.

Lionel and Rev. Kristi are the co-chairs, Florence facilitated, Joel took notes.

Opening Prayer by Rev Kristi

Introductions from everyone at the meeting – Affiliation and personal event (s) that led you to our multi-faith concept.

- Why are we here?
- What are we about?
- What does the multi-faith group mean to you as a group

How do we fit in with other religious organizations and groups?

- JCRC (interfaith outreach at JCRC)
- Cong Church Belmont and Rev Kristi's education series – planning meetings at IHOP for breakfast,
- Home and Hope (31 or 32 congregations involved per Lisa),
- PIA peninsula interfaith action),
- How can we reach out to Home and Hope congregations to get them involved with our group?
- How we can work with other groups?
- Partner with other groups?
- We should be unique, but do not want to duplicate what other groups are doing.
- We can't bite off too much
- Our group wants to know about what other groups are doing, how do we do this?
- Do we have geographic limitations? San Mateo County

Communication issues?

- Facebook page?
- We need a communication plan?
- Heidi suggested that when people sign in at Beresford Family Gathering they indicate their communication preference – email, facebook, etc.

Leadership

- Rotating chairperson – what about continuity?
- However, maybe meeting rotating leaders instead of rotating chairs.
- Perhaps changing chairs once per year.
- Format alternatives (chairperson, facilitator, etc.)
- Group agreed to table this conversation until next year.
- Also – the meeting agenda should come out earlier and everyone should RSVP.

Summary report from committee for August 25, 2013 event

- We (our group) should be there by 3:00 to be greeters, etc.
- Each attendee to get to choose one of 3 questions as an ice breaker.
- Agenda will be posted on walls, etc.

- Dinner served at 4:45 with sections including vegetarian and non vegetarian, salads, etc.
- Cooking demo from Pacifica Institute.
- Pacifica Institute also providing Turkish dancers.
- Cake walks for kids similar to like musical chairs.
- Greek dancing with Oscar.
- PTBE's new Rabbi Callie will lead singing and play guitar.
- Everyone is encourage to publicize this event,
- Group should all RSVP to Karen.
- Various suggestions made to promote; posters; email blasts, etc. have our clergy promote at services.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Project

- Lionel said that we need subcommittees to handle projects to make sure that the projects work and group agreed.
- Dick talked about meeting with Rebuilding Together Peninsula.
- Rebuilding Together Peninsula may give us some ideas and/or can supply equipment.
- Someone on the subcommittees should stay in touch with Rebuilding Together Peninsula just for synergy, etc.
- Possible projects discussed:
 - a. book drive/community meal
 - b. School that Karen and Florence visited
 - c. support for Latino church in San Mateo
 - d. 1st Presbyterian will host breakfast again
 - e. Safe Harbor possibly, but something that can include children
 - f. Borel middle school need help (maybe too high income school)
 - g. Dick suggested that someone could go to the school district to find out what schools really need help
 - h. Karen will make some contacts
 - i. Dick suggested we need multiple projects at one or two schools for flexibility
 - j. Projects will range from San Bruno to Redwood City
 - k. Heidi will contact someone regarding doing another coat drive
 - l. Suggestion to have variety of different projects to attract a variety of volunteers
 - m. Arts and crafts to make cards for children
 - n. Heidi – combine cards and coats together to solve multiple issues
 - o. Opportunities to help Samaritan house?
 - p. Florence will contact PCRC for some ideas
 - q. Rev Kristi will contact Samaritan house and/or Shelter network
 - r. Everyone should get back to Lionel by the 12th of August with project ideas
 - s. Rebuilding Together Peninsula feasibility (Dick Heiman will contact)

Next meeting August 26th at PTBE.

Closing prayer given by Rev. Kristi