

Meeting of Monday, August 26th at Peninsula Temple Beth El

Attended: Lisa Streibing, Joel Miller, Judy Miller, Karen Stiller, Lionel Englemann, Rev. Kristi Denham, Dick Heiman, Florence Beier, Rolf Beier, Jeff Savitz, Gary Deatheridge, Ineko Tsuchida, Deacon John Sequeira

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

Review of our recent August 25th Community Gathering / Potluck event

- Lionel thanked everyone and said it was better than last year's event
- Karen said that a little over 100 showed up. Last year about 125.
- Well planned event – Gary
- Early on about 5:30 people started leaving;
- Gary said that we should have been more on their feet and not interacting enough.
- Maybe dinner was too early. – Gary
- Dancing earlier would be better
- Too much sitting down and not enough standing and circulating;
- A lot of people left after Turkish cooking.
- Relationship with Beresford is critical to reserve.
- Final walk thru was required in order to get deposit back.
- No problems except for a few people that didn't want to leave.
- We were out well before our 8pm deadline.
- Wonderful event per Florence
- Next time have a sign out front pointing to correct door.
- Dick saw a lot of new faces and new congregations and a larger number of clergy.
- Should have press coverage – contact Mickey Carter from Cong Church Belmont
- Kristi; Should have name tags and affiliations.
- Wording should have something like registration and RSVP's appreciated, but not necessary.
- Ineko said that flyer should go out earlier, but everyone liked the event.
- Planning Committee should have special name tags at event.
- Rolf - Karen, Deacon John, Rev Kristi, Ineko, and Lisa S did not have name tags at our meeting.
- Judy thought the dancing was fantastic.
- Attendance diminishing a little earlier.
- PTBE attendance was not well represented.
- Karen sent out emails to everyone to invite.
- Maybe use Evite or signup genius.
- Send a thank you note to Beresford.
- How to mix people up and interact – new games and activities and do the food at the end.
- Brainstorm activities for next year.
- Also some Japanese dancers.
- Maybe a bingo type game.
- Eat at 6pm and make sure we have enough tables and chairs.
- Maybe bring out appetizers early.
- Very few teens attended.
- Typically, older folks and young families come to this type of event.
- The cooking demo was hard to watch.
- Maybe have event an earlier week.
- Or even in July.
- Face to face invitation works best.
- Always shoot for more attendance.
- If you start eating too late, people might be standing in line too long.
- Putting up events with a time line may cause people to leave early.
- Colors at tables or something special to get even more people next year.
- Emphasize sponsors to entice congregants to attend.

- More publicity and thanking planners – Kristi.
- Not as many families attended and less Pacifica Inst members attended – Karen.
- Brainstorm ideas about involving more families – Karen.
- Solicit help from attendees at event?
- Push book drive more at this or other events.
- Signup sheet at front to allow attendees for future events.
- Reach out to other religious communities to get them involved.
- Get representatives from new congregations that attended this event and get them to agree to be part of this group.
- Lisa suggested a social type event for event planners such as Pacifica institute dinners.

Update from the MLK, Jr. Day subcommittee

- Summary of where we are by Dick Heiman
- Dick handed out updates for comments:
- Move forward with Safe Harbor.
- Shelter Network – Dick is trying for a meeting.
- Book drive – Karen: maybe a community gathering with a meal, etc with possible help from Pacifica Inst.
- Cost drive – Heidi K is checking into an Orphanage in the Ukraine.
- Habitat for Humanity – Mike glass is checking into this.
- Revisit ideas from Michelle Tandowsky and Lionel
- Libraries – Pam Casey and Marsha Edelman – per Lionel
- Publicize vendors with various news organizations to get earlier help and assistance – perhaps Mickey Carter at Cong Church or Belmont
- Promote flyers and volunteers to vendors early for their support
- Lisa suggested putting together care baskets for elders and/or friendship calls – all could be done by children
- Gary suggested visiting elder facilities where people do not have a lot of visitors.
- Dick suggested 20 volunteers could go to a senior center / facility such as Sunrise to do?
- Rev. Kristi suggested a children's choir visiting elders and singing
- Veterans – Rev. Kristi will make contact
- No schools avail at this point. Lomita has some potential – 15 people
- Florence is exploring thru her PCRC organization
- Gary will call Samaritan House. Rev. Kristi contacted them previously with no response.
- Karen got a list of possible schools with contacts.
- Karen or interns will talk to contacts
- School supplies: families could put together packages of school supplies to be given to schools – would need to raise funds to purchase these supplies. Kids could also write notes on these packages.
- Call Primrose Center (*non-profit agency serving those in need regardless of race, religion, creed and national origin. We are a drop-in site to assist those in need with emergency direct aid*) in Burlingame.
 - Mary Watt is ED there.
 - They could use a lot of help.
 - Cleaning, fix-up, and painting projects sorely needed.
 - Suggestion that Mike Glass from PTS and Lisa S get together and meet.

Freedom Seder

- LDS Church has approved using one of their sites for next freedom seder
- Location TBD
- Rabbi Corey Helfand is interested in leading and we should approve this

Web Site

- Joel will investigate
- Will try for peninsulamultifaith.org

Next meeting -- Sept. 30th at 7PM at PTS (Peninsula Temple Shalom) in Room 11
 PTS is located at 1655 Sebastian Drive in Burlingame