

Multi-Faith MLK Day of Service Planning Meeting

September 30, 2013

Attendees: Lionel Engleman, Jim Wells, Mike Glass, Lisa Wong, Duane Clapp, Deanna Kaya, Judy Harris, Gary Deatherage, Ineko Tsuchida, Rev. Kristi Denham, Karen Stiller, Kim Lazarus, Jon Levinson, Dick Heiman, Florence Beier, Rolf Beier, Michele Epstein, Lionel Engelman

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE—DICK HEIMAN

Reconnecting with the Purpose of MLK Day of Service

Why are we doing this MLK Day?

We really want to help our communication in such a way that our congregants to connect with each other.

Observations from last year:

1. 3 hours of good work--80% drop out after lunch.
2. Accordion effect—we don't know how many will show up.
3. Advanced planning results in productive 3 hours.

McKinley Institute of Technology in Redwood City—Ineko

Profile: 87% of kids receive reduced fee lunch; heavily Hispanic.

Our group was warmly welcomed by Tom (Principal) and Nick (Assistant Principal). School has not had much community involvement yet.

School parents could provide a feast for our group during lunch.

School's needs are quite different from those of Belle Air School. The school would like our help in the school had an old hospital, "antiseptic" feeling to it. Beautification.

Two potential projects:

1. Ball room [where physical balls are kept], used as a green room for theater. Needs shelving and general "face lift" to make it more personal and friendly to students.
2. Staff lounge (more high priority). Old couch and very plain wall. "Face lift" needed to boost teachers' morale.

Hoover School—Visit on 10/02/13

- Dick Heiman / Ineko / Florence had a very good meeting at Hoover School with potential of up to 50 volunteers with cleaning the school rooms as a major component of the tasks.
- More will come of this potential project in near future.

Lomita High—Florence to Visit

Shelter Network—Michele

1. San Mateo First Step—Could take 20-30 volunteers; children 8 years and up can volunteer. Kitchen facility, so volunteers could make lunch.
2. Maple Street Shelter—Could take 15-20 volunteers. Clients like to play bingo. No kitchen, so any food would have to be brought in.
3. First Step—emergency shelter for families [130 people].
 - Backpacks with school supplies?
 - Fun activities for families in shelter.
 - Bingo? Educational with prizes.
 - Storytelling
 - Providing transitional housing equipment

Veterans—Rev. Kristi

Menlo Park—closest Veterans Administrative Center.

- Barbecue/lunch
- Interfaith Service for the Veterans
- In need of Korans and Bhagavad Gitas
- Toiletries for homeless vets

San Mateo Library System—

Library representative is Anna Kock

Elderly—Rev. Kristi

Low-income retirement home in San Bruno.

- Singing children, to practice at breakfast

Book Drive—Karen

No location decided on yet. We can tack on book drive to another project.

Hoover School?

Safe Harbor—Gary

We are all set!

Coat Drive--Heidi

Lunch

Lunch for 500 people approaches \$1,500. We can offer to pay for food and supplies at cost.

Karen will investigate giving policies of Costco and Trader Joe's.

Future Events:

Freedom Seder at LDS Church

10/06—Interfaith Event