

Minutes of Peninsula Multifaith Meeting held on Nov. 17th at Peninsula Sinai Congregation in Foster City
 (Note that action items are preceded with * and are **bold**. Please read these notes carefully, whether you were at the meeting or not. Advise Joel of any additions or corrections)

Attended:

Faith House	Name	
Cong. Church of Belmont	Susan	Linares
Congregation Beth Jacob in Redwood City	Jon	Levinson
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
LDS (Mormon) in San Bruno	Debbie	Grewal
Pacifica Institute in Burlingame	Volkan	Kaya
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in Foster City	Dana	Izenson
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in Foster City	Donna	Rosove
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Dick	Heiman
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Joel	Miller
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Judy	Miller
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Michele	Epstein
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Jeff	Savitz
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Mike	Glass
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Lionel	Engleman
Sanatan Mandir Hindu Congregation in San Bruno	Dilip	Amin
Shinnyo-en in Redwood City	Kyoko	Lee
St. Andrew's Lutheran in San Mateo	Rev. Connie	Winter-Eulberg
St. Matthias Catholic Church in Redwood City	Claire	Felong

Introductions all around and a prayer by Lionel

Announcements:

- Volkan talked about donations of blankets to Syrian refugees in Turkey; or \$10 buys one blanket, Deadline about Nov 22. See: http://www.pacificainstitute.org/index.php/upcoming-events?task=view_event&event_id=125
- Two Thanksgiving dinners from Pacifica inst this coming Saturday in Sunnyvale and Albany; See <http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org/upcoming-events-links/> for details
- Home & Hope Service and dessert this Sunday, Nov. 23, at PTBE
 Details at: <http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org/upcoming-events-links/>
- Teen interfaith Leadership council at CC Belmont on November 30th 3pm – 5pm (per Rev. Kristi)
 This flyer is posted on the Peninsula Multifaith website at: <http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org/upcoming-events-links/>
- Interfaith Celebration of International Human Rights Day Event ay Cong. Church of San Mateo on Dec. 6th
 Details at: <http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org/upcoming-events-links/>
- Desirae Barton has delivered an 8lb. 14 oz baby boy named Easton.

Dick & Vickie MLK Day update:

- Heavy lifting in terms of planning is done:
- Dick & Vickie appreciate all the work that has been done
- Should be a glorious day
- Details need to be ironed out:

- Signup genius is alive: Go to: <http://www.tinyurl.com/penmlk2015>
- Dick passed around a sample of the signup web page
- Vickie passed around the project details of MLK Event (see attached). Advise her of any additions or corrections
- Now, a third breakfast (St. Bart's & 1st Pres & Fair Oaks School)
- Clothing drive is now focused on children's clothing especially – See: <http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org/app/download/759048059/Book+Toy+Clothing+Drive+flier+111714.pdf>
- Some clothing will go to kids and parents at Fair Oaks school
- Michele & Judy/Joel will meet with Gary to go over Safe Harbor details (December).
- ***Books should be delivered the week before MLK day to Jon L at Cong Beth Jacob in RWC see attached flyer**
- ***Each congregation should start promoting the clothing and book drive in their own way.**
- Pastor Connie is lead for cleaning North Shoreview
- Joanne Aviel is lead for garden/flowers North Shoreview
- Chris Bandy & Joanne Aviel together for garden/flowers Lionel & Evelyn will chair breakfast at Fair Oaks
- ***Food is being purchased for all three breakfast sites, Safe Harbor and the Workers Resource Center. It is our understanding that the volunteers will not bring food. Deanna should confirm. In the past Gary has obtained free and discounted food. Deanna and Gary should coordinate their efforts.**
- Bill Sherman is project lead for Workers resource breakfast items; warm breakfast burrito or pastry or etc; serve 50 - 75 workers; volunteers need to be there by 7:00 AM
- Workers Resource project may not be ideal, but we should try it this year per Gary
- ***We would like signs at each remote site referring to the PMC. Karen will print paper posters.**
- ***Karen will have nametags for all the volunteers with their name and congregation.**
We need to decide whether these will be distributed at the breakfasts or at the work sites.
- Jim Sell has agreed to be captain of Backpack hooks
- Ineko has to iron out more details at Fair Oaks
- Claire talked about details at John Gill
- Mike talked about getting a discount at Lowes and this would work at both school shelving projects.
- ***Jeff is project leader for shelving at John Gill. Claire and Jeff will coordinate shelving purchase with Mike Glass.**
- Karen W asks that everyone including captains sign up on signup genius
- Clergy needs to sign up also early
- Vickie suggested putting up fliers at each site in advance of MLK Day announcing our event. Since it is was her idea, Vickie will make these fliers for 3 chorus sites, Workers Resource, Safe Harbor, Fair Oaks, John Gill, North Shoreview
- Parents volunteering to work on projects at the three schools must sign up through our system. If they are not computer literate, Karen or the principal can sign them up, if we get their names and e-mail addresses by 1/5/15. Earlier is better. Parents participating in the reading program at Fair Oaks need to advise the principal, but NOT sign up through our system. This can be confusing. Each of the three Captains needs to review the process with the principal.

Volunteer appreciation;

- Look for potential leaders among volunteer group ~~for~~ to become future captains.
- Contact your group to give them instructions in advance. Give generic prayer on site as you begin.
- Gary: on site have each volunteer intro each other and speak about why they were there
- At close of event; - captain can express thanks & quantify project success and interfaith significance
- Names and congregations should be on name tags

Ideas for communicating with congregation:

- Be creative to get the word out and get contributions
- Vickie created a mockup kiosk to collect books and children's clothing plus provide "take one" slips with signup websites. Each congregation can create their own if kiosks work for them. Vickie will provide sources of materials if requested.
- ***Posters are effective to have posted in lobbies of each congregation. Should each cong have one or should each cong do their own? Karen provided a large mounted poster, available for \$25. Costco can do larger ones for around \$25. Another option is to just have an 11x17 flyer without foam core. We passed a request sheet. Sholom wants two posters. Beth El wants one poster. St. Matthias 1, Beth Jacob 2, CCB 1, Shinnyo-en 2, Hindu 1, Mormon 2 just want large flyers. Other congregations should send their requests to Karen.**

- Karen will send a minimum of 3 e-blasts - 1 right after thanksgiving; 2 - mid December; 3 – early January. These e-blasts will go to the complete PMC data base. Karen will send a separate e-mail to those who volunteered last year, encouraging them to sign up early. In addition, each congregation must take the initiative to send out e-blasts to their entire congregation at the same time intervals.
- Suggestion to make announcements at each congregation. Gary suggested showing a video. Joel will obtain and circulate the video.
- Try calling volunteers that have previously worked on service projects to recruit them.
- Also: make a short presentation to cong board.
- ***It was agreed that we will send a message to each clergy. We will thank them for their support and mention the fine work being done by their representative(s). We will ask them to promote and participate in MLK Day. Each representative should send the e-mail or postal mail address of their clergy to Joel. Karen will propose a letter for approval by Lionel and Rev. Kristi. Joel will send out the approved letter.**
- Present project at individual social action committee at cong.
- Mike Glass suggested sending individual emails (personal outreach).
- Encourage cong clergy to attend MLK our day of service event and sign up early themselves.
- Vickie and Dick will take the responsibility of getting the names and e-mail addresses of all our project leaders to Joel, so they can get a copy of these minutes as well as other important MLK Day info. This will keep them as well as the Captains in the loop.

Jeff S. – finances and donation acknowledgements;

- We need money.
- Passed out pledge request envelopes.
- Appreciate all donations by Nov. 30th.
- Donations to be sent to Lionel's office in San Mateo
- Donors will receive a letter - see details in Jeff Savitz' handout.
- Q: Should Jeff Savitz be notified of in-kind donations over \$100 so he can send an acknowledgement?
- Q: What is procedure for getting reimbursement of project expenses?
- Contribution letters have been distributed to the faith houses represented at tonight's meeting, or will be mailed to those faith houses not present tonight. The letters are requesting contributions or fulfillment of their pledges made no later than November 30, 2014.
- Peninsula Temple Shalom has volunteered to handle deposits and disbursements of expenses. Therefore, please make checks payable to Peninsula Temple Shalom, and indicate "PMC for 2015 MLK". Please mail checks to Lionel Engelman - (Confidential), 520 S. El Camino, Suite 410, San Mateo, CA 94402.
- Anonymous donor will match all individual donations up to \$1200

Future:

- Share faiths and how can we develop this future concept.
- Rev Kristi is heading up this concept and is looking for volunteers.
- Lisa and Karen W and perhaps Vickie and Pastor Connie have volunteered to do this in future.

Next Meeting at Sanatan Mandir Hindu Congregation.

- Date: Dec 15 (Monday)
- Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- Address: 205 W Angus Avenue, San Bruno, CA
- Park and enter through the back door on Mastick Ave (not Angus Ave)
- We will provide some interesting Indian snacks and water.
- Only request we will have is to remove shoes if entering the next door prayer room.