

Minutes of February 9th at Congregational Church of Belmont in Belmont

Attending:

Congregation Beth Jacob (CBJ) in Redwood City	Jon	Levinson
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Judy	Harris
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
Congregational Church of Belmont	Susan	Linares
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
Mormon Church (LDS) in San Bruno	Desirae	Barton
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in Foster City.	Dana	Izenson
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Michele	Epstein
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 Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Lionel	Engleman
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Evelyn	Engleman
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Jeff	Savitz
Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Kyoko	Lee
Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Ineko	Tsuchida
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter- Eulberg
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Jim	Sell
St. Matthias Catholic Church in Redwood City	Claire	Felong
St. Paul's in Burlingame	Lisa	Striebing

MLK Day Project Captains Recap

Breakfast: Susan L –

- Breakfast was organized very well;
- Deanna did a great job;
- Maybe a few less volunteers but just about right.
- St. Bart's breakfast went very well.
- Better if nametags 1st instead of waiting
- Only 11 came to Fair Oaks breakfast.
- Maybe nametags by project

Singing: Dana I.

- everything great 3 guitars and a drummer at Atria, pianist at Magnolia, guitarist at San Bruno
- Amount of people seemed right.
- Atria made a songbook relating to freedom, each site made their own
- Atria gave songbook to seniors.
- Feedback was that everyone had a good time.
- Happy that project was done by lunch time.

- Only good things to say.
- Instructions should have said to go to rehearsal first.
- Give each volunteer an agenda for the day?

New Red Shoes: Lisa S.

- Great project.
- More volunteers could be needed used to make even more, completed 150 on site, 375 in total
- Needed more space.
- Set up for the project area was done beforehand.
- Volunteers really enjoyed project and were kept very busy.

Crafts: Desirae B.

- Highlights were kids learning about orphans.
- Lots of fun watching kids creating bracelets.
- Made 150 baby hats.
- Debbie got up on stage with maps and showed where the orphans lived.
- 90 - 100 volunteers involved.

Sorting clothing: Vince P. (via phone call to Vickie)

- He really enjoyed project, volunteers knew what to do, even though all new
- Vince drove the clothing himself, worked easier that involving another organization.
- Next time, have a special secure place to put their personal belongs

Books: Jon L.

- One volunteer was a retired librarian and she was terrific and knew a lot of the books and if they were appropriate.
- Assemblyman Kevin Mullin came with 2 members of his staff and really pitched in.
- Kids were so happy to get books.
- Maybe next year, have a bagel breakfast there.
- There was much more cooperation from Faith House with more books this year.
- Adult books were sent to jails

Safe Harbor: Michele E.

- everything worked well;
- Gary D ordered all the food perfectly, and almost all was donated.
- 1st Presbyterian volunteers really took ownership.
- Soup from Pacifica was probably not needed.
- Maybe 50% less soup next year.
- Served lunch to 75 clients.

Workers Resource Center: Bill S. (via Vickie S.)

- Anticipated feeding 75 people.
- Only 5 people showed up but Eduardo (on site) called friends and almost 90 people showed up.

John Gill School: Claire F.

- Volunteers used Yoga to stretch and exercise first.
- Volunteers were a little concerned about asbestos.
- Good interaction and volunteers were moved around between projects.
- Shelving worked fairly well.

North Shoreview School: Rev Connie W.

- 3 projects for the garden and 2 shelving projects.
- Carpets were cleaned in 18 classrooms and every window.
- 45 volunteers. She had a master gardener show up.

- 10 flower boxes filled with many dozens of flowers
- Kids were very productive.
- Volunteers felt they really accomplished something in cleaning projects.
- At Montessori, they sit on the floors, so carpet cleaning was critical
- At gardening projects, there were dirt and materials left over that required some leaders to stay late and clean up.

Fair Oaks School: Ineko T.

- School dist helped and prepped some of the projects.
- There was a little miscommunication between school and Ineko.
- Almost 200 people filled the cafeteria and lots of interactions.
- This year, school custodian was available for no charge.
- Reading program was a big success.
- Shinnyo website has a written volunteer experience.
- Some volunteers had significant experience in reading literacy and this really helped.
- Jim Sell said that Ineko handled any problems.
- Relationship that Ineko developed with school went very well.
- This school would be very good for future projects as PMC is trusted.
- School even supplied a district carpenter.
- Wonderful project all around.
- Ineko called Subway many times to get sandwiches.

General comments about MLK Day Projects

- Claire asked what to do with leftover supplies?
- Send Rebuilding Together a thank you for their help.
- Lionel talked about spreadsheet showing overall summary

Finances: Jeff S.

- He was missing a few cost estimates.
- Shelving costs just came in today.
- Fair Oaks costs were covered by school.
- Missing invoice: from Bill Wisialowski

Cong. Church of Belmont - songfest on April 19th.

- They need participants
- If congregation uses music in any way, please send a rep to participate.
- Only last about an hour.
- Let Rev. Kristi know.
- A MultiFaith group will sing at the end comprised of participants.
- Piano and organ in sanctuary.
- Rev Kristi will introduce each music piece or each participant can intro their own.
- 5 - 10 minutes per cong depending on attendance.
- Choirs will rehearse in advance. No cost to this event.
- Each congregation will be encouraged to bring some food.
- Get back to Rev. Kristi ASAP.
- Dilip to contact Rev. Kristi regarding dancers

Direction of Peninsula Multifaith Coalition

- What kind of balance between community service and other areas of Multifaith (including understanding each other's faith)

- One faith house sharing with others, such as Dilip's presentation at a previous meeting.
- How many hours towards understanding each other's faith do we spend?
- Start a task force to look into possibilities of structure
- Concept of a steering committee
- Rev Kristi attended Teen Interfaith meeting and many of them had attended our MLK event.
- But many wanted more time to learn about other faiths.
- Lionel asked for volunteers for task force. If you volunteer, please put in best efforts.
- Lionel asked for 5 volunteers for this task force.
- Send email to Lionel with your interest.
- Rev. Kristi said to keep it simple and maybe have different faith to present at each meeting.
- 20 minute presentation at next meeting and so on.
- Task force will discuss Labor Day picnic.
- A small task force - maybe Dick and Karen and others.
- Per Dick - lots of programming ideas, but no completion.
- Task force should consider structure and implementation of educational ideas and establishment of an education committee.
- What about a programming committee to provide other ideas of MultiFaith for the future? Jon L likes the group just as it is.
- Jim Sell: lots of community opportunities such as helping undocumented immigrants on their path to citizenship, etc.
- Lionel: don't use pushback as we're all in this together.
- Lisa: fewer meetings and instead attending each other's faith houses and services.
- Lionel: we have the ideas of a steering committee; task force; an education committee; a program committee
- Send email to Lionel and Rev Kristi if you are interested in serving on any of these committees

Other comments and next meeting

- Lionel and Vickie talked about the overall calendar.
- Where can we meet for March 9th?
- Send your input as to a meeting location.
- 1st Presbyterian in Burlingame is a maybe
- Dick talked about the Freedom Seder on 3/22 in Palo Alto from 7 - 9.
- Suggest that each congregation talk about it.
- Rev. Kristi talked about the Dialog group at Pacifica Institute.
- Rev Kristi gave a closing prayer