

## Notes from the PMC meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian in Burlingame

### Attending:

First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Carol	Deatherage
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
Mormon Church (LDS) in San Bruno	Desirae	Barton
Mormon Church (LDS) in San Bruno	Debbie	Grewal
Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)	Karen	Wisialowski
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
Sanatan Mandir Hindu Temple in San Bruno	Dilip	Amin
Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Ineko	Tsuchida
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter- Eulberg
St. Matthias Catholic Church in Redwood City	Claire	Felong
Teen Interfaith Council	Curtis	

### Upcoming and Past Events:

#### Music Festival at Cong. Church of Belmont on April 19<sup>th</sup>

- Rev. Kristi talked about the music festival
- Participants come early to rehearse; purpose is to share music across community.
- Many participants experienced their 1st experience with other faiths in music.
- No age range - all over; last year they had 150 participants
- Rev Kristi will contact other faith houses if asked to encourage others.
- Next year, it could be moved to another faith house.
- Rev Connie expressed a thought that this type of event is so positive instead of negativity that we hear on TV.

Debbie G. talked about the Home and Hope concert and how positive it was.

#### Teen Interfaith Council

- Curtis from the Teen Interfaith Council talked briefly about the teen council and how it can provide leadership opportunities as well as meeting with other faiths.
- They will be planning their own project in the near future. Rev Kristi is advocating for more involvement.
- Teen group meets 2nd and 4th Sunday.

#### Iftar Event at PTBE

- Example is the Iftar event: but we need more coordination
- Last Year there was a lot of last minute confusion?

- This year's Iftar will be June 28th.
- PTBE is asking for help from PMC to act as greeters.
- And help set up tables.
- PMC definitely decided that this was just the kind of event they want to sponsor as an organization and we will help with volunteers and in any way that seems appropriate.
- PMC is on board and Michele E can send out details as to specifics on what exactly help is needed.
- PMC will send flyer out and post on website.

### **International Food and Dance Festival**

- In San Francisco at the band shell in Golden Gate park on May 22nd
- Lots of children involved in dancing.
- PMC will not support directly but will post on website and possibly send out a flier
- Sponsored in part by the Turkish American Assoc

### **PMC Calendar**

- Vickie talked about having a set PMC calendar.
- This way people can plan for meetings and improve meeting attendance.
- All agreed to using the official calendar as created by Vickie.

### **PMC Structure**

- Lionel talked about establishing a more formal structure for PMC.
- Many things come up and then we can't respond, so having a structure will improve this.
- Send a note to Lionel regarding nominations to specific committees.
- The idea of these events is that with a **Steering committee**, they could identify these types of events and then bring it to the entire group.
- **Education committee** came from the idea of sharing each other's faith in an educational environment.
- **Program committee** is more of an overall group.
- Gary suggested starting with one committee. One member from each faith house to be on committee. Maybe we are already there,
- Karen thought the multi committees were a good idea. Maybe 5 - 7 people on each committee.
- Lionel said that a number of people have already agreed to be on these committees.
- **Steering committee** will have major say in what events / programs we will do.
- For example, per Lionel - MLK event was huge and very labor intensive - so this could be handled better by specific committees.
- Gary has agreed to be on **Program committee**.
- Group agreed to use these 4 committees.
- Judy M asked why nominations have to be approved and group agreed that maybe this was not required.
- Each committee chair should set up a meeting.
- Lionel read the list (can Lionel supply details?)
- Pastor Connie and Desirae are co-chairs of the **Education committee**
- Task force: Dick Heiman
- Ask Lionel for committees and members (should this be in the notes?)
- Committees then separated in 4 breakout sessions for about 30 minutes.

### **Program committee –**

- Debbie Grewal spoke about what her group discussed.
- Keep Labor Day event and of course the MLK event.
- Perhaps Gary will approach 1st Presbyterian to have an event in May for an interfaith visit.
- Also obtaining new members and get members to recruit others from another faith house.
- Group discussed whether or not to have Labor Day event.

### **Education committee**

- Rev. Connie reported on her group.
- 10 - 15 minutes at each PMC meeting to discuss their individual faiths,
- How about a Faith Fair with booths from each faith?
- A worship exchange with a small group from one faith visit another.
- Then a panel discussion about interfaith marriage including parents and grandparents.
- Something like a Rabbi Roundup.
- Rev. Kristi will send me a Breakfast invite for her Wednesday monthly breakfasts.

Vickie talked about researching other MultiFaith groups and look into their structure, etc,

Also what about applying for non-profit status.

At next meeting, there should be an update from the 4 or so committees.

### **Next Meeting**

April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM held at Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo

- Rev. Kristi has volunteered to do a short 20 minute presentation on the United Church of Christ

Rev Kristi finished with a prayer.