

Meeting notes of April 14th PMC meeting at PTBE in the library

Attended:

Church of Jesus Christ of LDS (Mormon) San Bruno	Jim	Blood
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS (Mormon) San Bruno	Sharman	Blood
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS (Mormon) San Bruno	Debbie	Grewal
Congregation Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Carol	Deatherage
Pacifica Institute in Burlingame	Deanna	Kaya
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	Evelyn	Engelman
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Lionel	Engelman
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Judy	Harris
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Jeff	Savitz
Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Kyoko	Yamamoto
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg

Rev. Kristi opened with a prayer.

Rev Kristi from the Congregational Church of Belmont gave an **educational presentation** on UCC (United Church of Christ)

- Including a history of Christianity from Jesus Christ onward.
- The current UCC was formed in 1957 as a result of “Congregational Christian Churches” combining with The “Evangelical and Reformed Church”
- Currently there some 800 denominations of the Christian Church.
- Attendees all appreciated her wonderful presentation

Rev. Kristi talked about the **Multifaith Song Fest** on April 19th

- Coming together.
- 5 groups will be singing.
- Another reminder flyer will be sent out reminding everyone that it's not too late to sing.

Gary talked about **educational event on June 10th** at First Presbyterian Church in Burlingame.

- Pastor Paul Watermulder will talk about the Presbyterian faith.
- Reform movement in the Presbyterian Church.
- 4 basic beliefs in Presbyterian Church.
- Plus Q&A following presentation
- A buffet dinner first.
- About a \$10 per person cost.
- Meet at 6PM.

- Dinner at 6:45 followed by presentation.
- Attendees can skip dinner and come to the presentation after.
- Carol Deatherage will head up setup on Wednesday afternoon.
- Gary will send a flier that we can distribute.

Pastor Connie spoke about the **Education committee**:

- The committee recommends an exchange of visits between congregations.
- A Faith fair comprised of several tables and people from other faiths could visit each table that would highlight that faith.
- The committee recommends an educational faith talk at each meeting. Pastor Connie circulated a schedule for each faith to sign up for a particular meeting.

Michele & Deanna: **Iftar event on June 28th.**

- Flyer to follow and will be created by Michele and/or Deanna...
- At PTBE is the 2nd weekend of Ramadan.
- We need more volunteers.
 - Web based volunteer's signups.
 - Greeters, setup people; serving people; cleanup people;
 - 20 -30 volunteers needed.

Lionel - **Steering committee.**

- Tries to keep group focused on our mission
- This group is set up to respond into play when something major affects us all such as terrorist attacks in Paris.

Gary - **program committee**

- 1st event is the one on June 10th.

Dick talked about the **task force recommendations.**

- He talked about how far that we have come.
- PMC congregations have sent their very best.
- We look to the future.
- We need to have an on-going structure.
- Claire has signed up to create the by-laws for this structure.
- Next step is to investigate other nonprofits to get input.
- Recommending forming a 501(C)(3) non-profit.
- See attachments for further details.
- An Executive committee is required for the above structure. It is recommended that the steering committee be merged into the executive committee with several faiths house represented.

Benefits of a 501(C)(3) non-profit

- Lionel said that you really gain respect and increased donations if you are a non-profit.
- The ability to purchase liability insurance to protect PMC's member organizations for injuries that might occur on MLK Day or other large scale projects
- The ability to accept donations directly, rather than through a member congregation
- The ability to obtain grants for special projects
- To be seen by ourselves and those around us as a real, ongoing organization

MLK day 2015 update.

- MLK Day has grown organically, because our congregants find the experience enjoyable and meaningful.
- We had a strong 31% increase in participation without too much effort.
- We can see at least a 20% increase in demand next year to 600.
- However, we don't see a particular advantage in increasing the participation at this time.
- We also need to learn how to create more participant interaction.
- So, we recommend staying at about 500 participants.
- PMC needs to make a preliminary decision about whether to stay at about 500 participants or accommodate 600.

- Your 2015 leadership team of Vickie, Karen and Dick would like to focus on smaller group activities with minimum funding needs.
- These might consist of more craft projects, collection projects, singing opportunities, gardening and additional "reading buddy" programs.
- There might be a better chance to meet people in a smaller group.
- The average group size might be around 20.
- We would avoid expensive projects like shelving and onerous projects like cleaning.
- By eliminating construction projects, we'll save about \$2,500 and can be used to initiate our 501(C)(3) incorporation and fund other projects.
- It would be good to have three Co-Chairs this time.
- Vickie and Dick would be willing to be Co-Chairs again and we would recruit a third.
- This would minimize the load on each, and provide better direction for the project leaders.
- We would still need a fourth leader to fill the organizational role that Karen provided.
- We would like to continue our emphasis on volunteer engagement.
- We would like to start each project with a discussion of its meaning and how it figures into our interfaith objectives.
- This might be done with each group having their own small breakfast.
- They might meet again at their own lunch.
- In any case, we would like our volunteers to see their involvement with MLK Day as an integrated part of their interfaith activities.
- In most of our own congregations we didn't provide as much positive after-the-fact feedback with photos to our congregation as we could have.
- However, if we want to retain the one or two large breakfasts, Deacon John says that Serra High School is available. Seems a lot of people liked the breakfasts, some didn't think they were necessary.
- We tend to like them to get people mentally focused on interfaith service.
- We could have one large breakfast at Serra and another large breakfast in Redwood City.
- Details of projects (if necessary) to be provided in advance of meeting with input response requested (before the meeting).

Other

- Come to the May meeting with projects, but for school projects - needs are to be presented immediately.
- For instance, if you know about a school for a MLK day project- let everyone know immediately.
- MLK Project Leaders thank you party planned for Sunday, 7/26. Save the date.

Next meeting is May 11th at 7PM at PTS (Most likely room 11, but check the display board in the foyer of the Temple).

Mormon Church is confirmed for **August 10th meeting** at LDS Church in Foster City.

Rev. Kristi finished with a prayer