

PMC meeting notes for August 10th, 2015 held at the LDS Church in Foster City

Attended:

LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Jim	Blood
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Sharman	Blood
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Debbie	Grewal
LDS Church (Mormon) Foster City	Desirae	Barton
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
Congregation Beth Jacob	Jon	Levinson
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in Foster City.	Dana	Izenson
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	Jeff	Savitz
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Judy	Harris
Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Ineko	Tsuchida
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg
Masjid UI Haqq Mosque in San Mateo	Rehanah	Hussain
Pacifica Institute	Deanna	Kaya
Pacifica Institute	Volkan	Kaya
St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Burlingame	Chip	Filak
St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Burlingame	Lisa	Striebing
St. Matthias Catholic Church in Redwood City	Claire	Felong

Meeting notes

Introductions all around

Opening prayer by Rev. Kristi

Teen Interfaith Council

- Rev Kristi talked about the Teen Interfaith Leadership Council and asked for members to send contacts.
- Congregations asked to put up a flyer in your congregation to try and recruit more teens and discussed in flyer
- Flyer was sent by email to PMC members on August 11th.

Presentation on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- Jim and Sharman & Desirae gave this presentation on their faith.
- Talked about history, practices, beliefs, genealogy and using familysearch.org.
- This segment was videoed and is available on the PMC website in the Multifaith Education tab.
- Sharman also referred to handouts about Humanitarian **Services and a Fact Sheet**
- **For details go to <http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org/meeting-calendar/>**

Shared Prayer Experience

- Lisa talked about shared prayer - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWP1nvy5C_U
- She found it very moving.
- Could the PMC do something similar?
- Discussed in the steering committee.
- Get to hear one another's prayers instead of all praying simultaneously.
- Maybe holding it next May on or around the national day of prayer.
- To have everyone see the respectful shared appreciation of prayer.
- Group agreed that it should be pursued on a smaller basis (than the one in the video). Perhaps in just one venue
- Claire suggested that we pick a theme and use that as a basis.
- Claire, Lisa, Chip, Rev. Kristi, Deanna, Volkan, & Pastor Connie all agreed to help with this effort.

Publicity

- Dick talked about the news article in the Daily Journal and asked others to make it available to their congregations.
- <http://www.smdailyjournal.com/articles/news/2015-08-08/building-a-coalition-of-faith-peninsula-multifaith-coalition-grows-in-numbers-impact/1776425148120.html>
- Suggested it would be helpful to have someone in the group that would specialize in publicity

By-laws.

- By-laws are at:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11hV3slUoc8k-ggaYjUeFsOGPM3wBqTHByyINXF-34VE/edit#gid=0>
- We have really grown and now we need to become a non-profit and create a structure.
- Nonprofits require By-laws, etc to get going.

- Claire talked about some of the key issue.
- No specific requirement for these bylaws.
- Do we really need to have a handbook?
- Yes, according to Claire.
- As we grow, we need to document the way that our organization does things, so this can be passed down to new members, etc.
- Group needs official secretary that is responsible for legal docs.
- Much of the By-laws concern specific legal requirement.
- Jon suggested that we need a lawyer to go over the By-laws.
- Rev Kristi thought that perhaps there is too much detail.
- Do we really need all of this?
- Perhaps much of the detail could be put in the handbook.
- Jeff thought that the bylaws should be simpler.
- Try and make any changes to the bylaws.
- Joel to resend bylaws Google document and Claire must have your input by Monday, August 17th or your input will not be counted.
- Then final versions will be sent to PMC liaisons for final vote
- Type your initials after each comment.
- After changes by individuals are made Claire will resend the completed Bylaws to each person.
- After reviewing the final By-laws, Liaisons of each Member Congregation (faith houses) need to type their name and date in the space provided on the bottom of the document.
- Their name will serve as a vote of approval.
- What constitutes a quorum or a proxy?
- Full membership and associate membership. How does each member and/or associate handle voting?

Financial input

- Steering committee will make recommendations on funding and how each congregation will contribute.
- Each congregation will say how many members are in individual or family
- Congregational members only have to pay and not associate.
- Suggested funding levels were agreed to by those present.
- We will give each congregation specifics in writing of accountability to show where this money is going.
- Group has been given a \$2500 anonymous donation as a matching (up to \$2500).
- Send out a marketing brochure to help support our mission.
- Group agreed to this.

MLK Day:

- Dick talked about the reading buddy program and gardening program at the 3 schools.
See <http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org/meeting-calendar/> for details
- Complete morning at each school - see above for details.
- He asked for project captains and leaders at the 3 schools.
- Dick expects about 200 volunteers at the 3 schools leaving 300 volunteers to have breakfast at Serra.
- Beautiful kitchen facility and lots of room at Serra.
- Dick and Vickie will publish project list and where teens are welcome and also a need for Spanish speakers.
- Thrust overall is to have more volunteer interaction. Also more meaningful projects and less cleanup type projects.

PMC Brochure

- Dana asked for approval to reprint the PMC brochure, and it was agreed that she print 250 this time.

Next meeting

- is October 12th at 7:00 at Pacifica Institute, 1310 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame
- Possibly a meeting in September
- Members encouraged to email Deanna specific questions regarding the Muslim relations

- Deanna is at: **littlewillow@hotmail.com**

Rev. Kristi concluded with a prayer