

Peninsula Multifaith Meeting of November 9th held at Pacifica Institute in Burlingame

Attended:

Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Debbie	Grewal
Masjid UI Haqq Mosque in San Mateo	Rehana	Hussain
Pacifica Institute	Imam Yilmaz	Basak
Pacifica Institute	Deanna	Kaya
Pacifica Institute	Volkan	Kaya
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in FC.	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
Sanatan Mandir Hindu in San Bruno	Dilip	Amin
Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Kyoko	Lee
Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Ineko	Tsuchida
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in San Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg
St. Matthias Catholic Church in Redwood City	Claire	Felong
St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Burlingame	Lisa	Striebing
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Ina	Allen
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Diane	Gillen
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Rev. Carole	Moore
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City	Cheri	Hahne

Muslim Faith:

- Lionel opened and Rev. Kristi gave the opening prayer
- Deanna introduced Imam Yilmaz and pointed out literature and flyers relating to the Islam and the Muslim world.
- Imam Yilmaz Basak was speaker with some assistance from Volkan;
- Imam and Voltan talked about the Muslim faith and answered a number of questions regarding their faith that had been provided in advance

Review of steering Committee

- A chart of the new PMC structure was passed out by Lionel
- No more program committee – instead it is community outreach; increase current congregations interest.
- Looking for volunteers for community outreach.
- Gary wants volunteers and Rev. Kristi has volunteered
- When a major question or decision comes up, it should be 1st sent to the steering committee to make the appropriate decision.
- The steering cmtee tries to have all major faith religions represented.
- This is a work in progress.
- Claire indicated that there are too many emails coming around especially from other faith houses
- Suggest that steering committee approve mailings before mass mailing to group.
- All emailing should come from Joel M.

MLK Jr review by Dick H

- Dick praised Vickie and Brittany and others for all their hard work
- Why are we doing this many projects?
- Objective is to give our congregants opportunity to interact with other faiths while doing community service.
- At breakfast people will be grouped by project – new this year to try to “increase” volunteer satisfaction.
- How do we continue this and what about opportunities during the year?
- Vickie talked about an event last week where women of several faiths got a head start on MLK day by starting on projects.
- Rev. Kristi talked about a meeting of the Teen Leadership Interfaith Council and discussed the peace village and projects on MLK day.
- Dick talked about reading buddies and they will be encouraged to continue this during the year.
- Rehana suggested a brochure about MLK Day or service at last meeting but Dick indicated the sign-up genius will sort of serve as such, as we ran out of time this year.
- All agreed that it was a good idea for next year.
- Several school projects may be helped by bilingual (Spanish) volunteers.

- Deanna is creating a master list for breakfast and will approach Bi-Rite and 2nd Harvest to possibly get food at a lower cost.
- Deanna will continue research.
- Can we get an estimate of what the need for breakfast and/or lunch is?
- Vickie has contacted help for past participants of singing for possible captains at these projects & Rev. Kristi can help with this
- Rev. Kristi was concerned about plants for seniors and we should double check this.
- Rehanna demonstrated the soup mix container.
- Buy different beans in bulk and assemble soup mix.
- Where can we get bulk items for soup mix?
- Can we ask volunteers to bring canned foods? – no decision was made.
- Debbie will look into getting volunteers for craft cleanup as many people leave early.
- Clothes at schools need to not be dumped on floor but look more presentable.
- Vickie supplied boxes for collections in individual faith houses.
- Gary talked about the two housing units for veterans and their families.
- Children can come with parents for the veteran's project.
- Reading program is enormous – 100 children and 60 or so parents & is much more organized this year.
- An overall project captain is needed for Fair Oaks school & we are looking for volunteers.
- Dick will send out an email showing status on this effort.
- Claire talked about some of the John Gill projects & she is actively looking to fill in.
- North Shoreview will have pancakes and lunch
- When we describe greeter slots, ask for Spanish bilingual speakers if possible
- All 3 schools want books.
- North Shoreview & Fair Oaks want clothing.
- Recruit a parent for Spanish speaking?
- Who are the leaders for each school to coordinate clothing and books?
- Probably asking greeters to do this.
- Try & recruit volunteers for MLK day
- Coordinate & communicate with faith leaders to encourage participation.
- Plan a publicity campaign at each faith house.
- It was suggested that a list of last year's volunteers be sent to this year's Captains to help recruit volunteers.
- Dana talked about what should go into this Google drive database that consisted of all prior volunteer details.
- Each faith house should get a breakdown of prior volunteers from their specific volunteers.
- Deanna & Claire talked about possibility of a gluten free checkbox or other dietary restrictions on the SUG.
- This is a very complicated issue.
- Suggest that project leaders ask volunteers if they have to have gluten free requirements when each project is filled.
- Personal outreach to get volunteers to participate is the most effective way to get volunteers.
- Non-computer literate volunteers can contact Brittany to sign them up.

- Each PMC member should talk to their clergy to get them involved in volunteering.
- Pastor Connie to send Dick an email about how she recruits families for attending projects
- Publicity – Dick talked with Mickey Carter and Justin Wooley.
- Publicize our accomplishments to our own congregations.
- What about social media? – Dana has set up a PMC Facebook account with a “save the date” message.
- Promote PMC Facebook page and have members “like” events
- Signup genius should include wording “Annual”.

Next Meeting and Conclusion

- December meeting is at First Presbyterian in Burlingame
- January 4th meeting will be at Cong Church of Belmont.
- Nov 22nd is Song Fest fund raiser for Home & Hope.
- Meeting concluded with a prayer by Rev. Kristi.