

Peninsula Multifaith General Meeting of December 14th, 2015 held at First Presbyterian Church in Burlingame

Action Needed (see below)

Attended:

Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
JCRC Peninsula	Brittany	Caine
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Debbie	Grewal
LDS Church (Mormon) Foster City	Matt	Mosman
Masjid Ul Haqq Mosque in San Mateo	Rehana	Hussain
Pacifica Institute	Deanna	Kaya
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in FC.	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 Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Ken	Klieman
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Lionel	Engleman
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Evelyn	Engleman
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Jeff	Savitz
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Judy	Harris
Sanatan Mandir Hindu in San Bruno	Dilip	Amin
Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Kyoko	Lee Winter- Eulberg
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in San Mateo	Pastor Connie	
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Jim	Sell
St. Matthias Catholic Church in Redwood City	Claire	Felong
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
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Justin	Wooley

Rev Kristi Denham started with a prayer

- Then talked about xenophobia and prejudice against specific faiths, i.e. Muslims
- Also Teen Interfaith Leadership council will concentrate on North Shoreview projects.

Lionel and others welcomed our newest member: Trinity Baptist Church

Steering committee –

- part of Multifaith community working on concepts to be able to respond to something that comes up that won't be disparaging and in an orderly fashion
- How does steering committee recognize new members?
- PMC needs to nominate and elect a board and then that board needs to elect officers
- The following individuals were nominated or re-nominated by Lionel E. as Directors:
 1. Vickie S.
 2. Debbie G.
 3. Dick H.
 4. Ineko T.
 5. Deana K.
 6. Rev. Kristi
 7. Lionel E.
 8. Lisa S.
 9. Joel M.
- Lionel E. said that the plan is for the Directors to nominate and vote for the 4 officers at another meeting. The intended officers are:
 1. Rev Kristi as Co-President or Vice-President later
 2. Lionel E. as Co-President or Vice-President later
 3. Lisa S. as Treasurer
 4. Joel M. as Secretary
- Motion was passed, seconded, and accepted

Reading Buddy Program – Ken Klieman

- Dozens of different activities.
- Anticipating 3 different sites for reading buddy.
- Coalition between “Jewish Coalition for Literacy” and “Reading Partners” and PMC
- Elementary school students and their parents.
- Will help and continue reading emphasis.
- Flyers in Spanish & English to market this project.
- Tomorrow at Ken's house a meeting with trainers and leaders.
- Ken has recruited Spanish speakers at all 3 sites.
- Plus Ken's sons will help with Spanish speakers.
- Tutors will show up early on MLK Day to get trained in literacy project.
- Ken has setup a color coded system to assist with tutor/student interaction.
- Later in the MLK Day a trainer will then teach the parents.
- Later that same day the parents and kids and get back together.

MLK Day of Service overall

Action Needed

- We still need two project leaders for relatively simple projects. Someone please step up; Gardening at North Shoreview and Paint Lettering at John Gill. If you can't do it, I'm sure someone in your congregation can.
- Post MLK DAY. Someone to create the volunteer survey similar to last year, review the results and present them on 2/1/16
- Dick H.: as of today – 178 vs. 148 at this date last year
- However very few signups for reading buddy projects

- Rewording the SUG reading buddy projects to “share the joy of reading, etc” on SUG– *(this task has now been completed)*
- Brittany C. will redo SUG and move these reading buddy projects to top of the SUG to attract more interest. *(this task has now been completed)*

Finances

- Jeff S. talked about finances – est. is \$9000 for MLK Day expenses.
- Bottom line is \$7711 cash available including contributions tonight.
- Problems are that we are providing twice as many meals as before and we don't know if we can get donations of food.
- Gary asked about what is a fair share for each faith house, however Lionel E indicated that he had confidentially provided estimates of fair shares.

Other

- Vickie S. said that our corporation was approved by the Secretary of State.
- Next we will apply for 501 c3 status.

MLK Day of Service signups and publicity

- Dick H.: asked what each faith house is doing about signups.
- Volunteers needed for post MLK Day event.
- Dick H. thanked communication team. And thanked Vickie especially,
- Secret to signup is your own personal outreach.
- What does each faith house do?
- First Presbyterian –
 1. Weekly messenger service sheet promotes plus boxes are out for clothing.
 2. Gary D. & Vickie S. put out flyers after church and also announcements and posters in front of church.
 3. Also thoughts from their pulpit during church services promoting event and ideas.
- St. Matthias: Claire F. – church bulletin and facebook page promotion and flyers
- Mormon LDS: Matt M. & Debbie G. – boxes out and thoughts from pulpit and facebook page and flyers
- Pacifica: Deanna K. – talks to members directly to sign up and picks specific people for specific projects,
- Sanatan Mandir: Dilip A. – emails and flyers and facebook and direct contact. Plus boxes for clothing and books
- Peninsula Sinai: Dana I. – PMC Facebook page encourages volunteers who sign up to post this on facebook.
- Shinnyo-en Buddhist: Kyoko L. - encourages kids and parents in their temple to volunteer and share on MLK Day.
- St. Andrew's Lutheran : Pastor Connie W.- she will go online to buy nothing web site to get project supplies and of course will promote event from pulpit,
- Congregational Church of Belmont: Rev Kristi D. - will talk to every member in her church and assign them to specific projects.
- Trinity Baptist Church : Rev. Carole M. – assigned people to get others to sign up plus signup sheets and talk at service
- St. Bart's Catholic Church : Jim Sell - in church bulletin plus email blast to parish and social justice group and announcements from pulpit
- Masjid Ul Haqq Mosque : Rehannah- getting ideas from others and will move forward She also said that all her volunteers have signed up and will be making soups kits (200 +) which will be donated to Call Primrose Center
- JCRC: Brittany – she could put a collection box out but probably won't help but will talk with Dick
- Peninsula Temple Shalom: Lionel E. – His Rabbi will send out personal note to members to sign up. 1/3 of PTS board has signed up for event.

Signup Genius (SUG) issues

- Brittany C. - talked about signups and SUG.
- Sign up volunteers using alternate emails to possibly get around SUG issues.
- Brittany C. will send out list of signups by project.
- Also discussed problems with mobile devices.
- Brittany C. will have name tags and each project member in January.

Food, paper goods, & serving utensils

- requirements; hope to get donations from 2nd harvest or Bi-Rite or individuals / volunteers
- Ask volunteers to bring a small amount of food.
- Look at food requirements spread sheet to verify that your project is covered and you understand the requirements
- Brittany C. may be able to supply some paper products and Vickie will meet with Brittany to coordinate.
- Deanna K. – nothing to be stored in schools unless principals approve putting food in school refrigerators
- Volunteers will be making vegetarian bag lunches as for volunteers as a project.
- We need to know where food is coming from before food storage decisions can be decided.
- Deanna K. also has drivers to deliver sack lunches.
- Deanna K. transfers perishable food items the morning of to Lionel.
- Also ask breakfast volunteers to bring a dozen hardboiled eggs for the schools.
- Gary D. asked about food distribution as this year we have 4 breakfast sites and multiple lunch sites.
- Deanna K. said that yogurt and milk were stored at 1st Presbyterian in prior years.
- Main concern is storing barbeque at safe harbor but Matt (project leader) says that his church has cold space.
- Deanna K. will write up a food distribution process.
- Breakfast captains need to look this over and get food issues resolved soon.

Publicity

- Justin Wooley talked about publicity.
- He distributed a clarity practice to each member.
- Possible taglines
 1. A large gathering of Multifaith constituents to better the community.
 2. Coming together and work together.
 3. A day of several faiths to work together and understand other faiths to serve community.
 4. Let's put some love back into the community
- Connect Facebook pages from other sites are not connected to PMC facebook page.
- Could #PMC for example allow click and then everything ever posted about #PMC would appear.
- Justin talked about how he as a publicist can get our message across and make it meaningful.
- The intent is to bridge the gap, so someone can click on a newspaper and it will link to another site, etc to get more info/details
- Jim S. and Matt M. talked about love and equity and justice.

Meeting closed with a prayer by Rev. Kristi D.

Next meeting is Monday, Jan. 4th at Congregational Church of Belmont

These notes were written by Joel Miller as Secretary of PMC on December 19th, 2015