

PMC General Meeting of Feb. 1st meeting held at Peninsula Temple Sholom in Burlingame

Attended:

Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Carol	Deatherage
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
JCRC Peninsula	Brittany	Caine
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Debbie	Grewal
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Desirae	Barton
Masjid Ul Haqq Mosque in San Mateo	Rehana	Hussain
Pacifica Institute	Deanna	Kaya
Pacifica Institute	Voltan	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	Engelman
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Evelyn	Engelman
Congregation Beth Jacob in Redwood City	Jon	Levinson
Sanatan Mandir Hindu in San Bruno	Dilip	Amin
Shinnyo-en USA Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Ineko	Tsuchida
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in San Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Jim	Sell
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City	Cheri	Hahne
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Rev. Carole	Moore
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Justin	Wooley
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Ina	
Local Peace Initiative	Vince	Perrine
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in San Mateo	Stephen	Eulberg
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Judy	Harris
Peninsula Temple Sholom	Kathy	Glass
Congregational Church of San Mateo	Rev. Kibbie	Ruth
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Brenda	Sell
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Barbara	Sequira
St. Matthias of RWC	Claire	Felong
New Vision United Methodist Church in Millbrae	Pastor Lillian	Capohart
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in FC.	Sam	Herzberg

Rev Kristi started with a prayer.

Lionel E. gave a special thanks & presentation to Vickie S. & Dick H. with gifts.

- Vickie is now commander-in-chief and Dick is chief assistant

Educational Program

- Stephen E. played a flute and didgeridoo and drums and dulcimer and guitar and then spoke about traditions of air and music and his interfaith and cultural background.
- Pastor Connie and Stephen E. and a Sam H. sang & played guitar and a drum.

Special award & plaque presented to Barbara Sequira in honor of Deacon John

Other

- Lionel E. and Rev. Kristi – special shout out and thank you to Deanna for handling food
- Steering committee will meet on April 10th.
- April general meeting will now meet on April 18th.

MLK Day Related

- Dilip A. presented a video that he put together from MLK Day and asked for narration and music accompaniment.
- Brittany C. presented the survey results – ask Brittany for a copy or detail.
- Vickie S. also spoke and helped to interpret the results of the survey.
- Dick H. talked about MLK day and spoke about MLK day 2017
- Action item. Please identify future project leaders. Send your recommendations to Dick and Vickie.
- Action item. MLK Day needs a minimum of three organizers. Volunteer now, well before our retreat in April, by contacting Dick or Vickie.

Song Fest

- Song fest is on sometime in May at Universal Universalist of RWC was announced by Rev. Kristi.
Original planned date of April 17th cannot be accomplished due to scheduling conflicts)
- Starts at 3PM and goes to 5PM or so.
- Every congregation needs to send a group and present maybe 10 minutes.
- Choirs and Shinnyo drummers, cantors, etc or youth choirs.
- Send all details to Rev. Kristi.
- Everyone bring desserts.

Education

- Pastor Connie W. talked about education.
- In April, Trinity Baptist church will present at our PMC meeting
- Shinnyo-en Buddhist will present for the March meeting
- Pastor Connie W. also talked about two events in May:
 - May 1st - Interfaith Marriage Program at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in San Mateo 7PM-9PM - A PMC sponsored event
 - May 30th – Prayer in Public Places at Leo Ryan Park in Foster City - A PMC sponsored event
- Pastor Connie W. will request topics and speakers from PMC members for future PMC meetings.
 - Suggested topics: Justice, Love, Neighbor, Hope, in a difficult time – how does your faith guide you?
- Educational committee will send out a survey monkey to question each faith.
- Suggested a calendar that shows events from each faith.
- Perhaps a short video from each faith house to be presented at each PMC meeting.

MLK Day Project Captains Recap –

Ken K. – Reading Buddy

- Brought together PMC, AmeriCorps, Sequoia HS volunteers turned into a beautiful day and kids felt empowered.
- 120 kids were helped.
- Change wording to help with an overall reading program.

Cheri H. – John Gill reading

- Flow was a little difficult – lunches weren't there on time.

Deanna K - Food

- North Shoreview – taste should be more tailored to community;
- no food left over at any site
- Communication issues were a problem because people weren't sure exactly what to do.
- Lunches were done, but some projects finished early and perhaps could not deliver when they were wanted.
- But people were contacting Deanna way too soon.
- Lunches should have been called snacks and not lunch (however lunches were vegetarian).
- Is lunch necessary?
- But it works well at schools.
- Maybe ask volunteers to bring lunch depending on project.
- Seriously consider where we are going with this.
- Every year food project gets bigger and bigger.
- How do we really address food?
- Deanna also did not know the hash tag for twitter (Social media)

Justin W. - Publicity

- Thanks to Vickie and Michelle Carter and photographers.
- Talked about a handout that he created (sort of a press release for internal use) called the PMC times that Justin created
- Is available electronically and was distributed to all PMC members.
- Suggest to put a person with photographers to help identify people

Pastor Connie W. – North Shoreview

- Thanked Principal Harrison and put flyers out in advance to promote reading event.

Claire F. – John Gill

- John Gill is not a neighborhood school and perhaps weren't enough students there

Brittany C. – Sign Up Genius & volunteer planning

- Maybe too many AmeriCorps volunteers and perhaps overwhelmed.
- As long as volunteers are needed, volunteers are happy
- Volunteers should know about social media at each site.

Steve E. and Sam H. - Singing

- Atria did not know singers were coming. No advance publicity. Small group at Atria.
- Needed more songbooks for seniors.
- Then seniors go to lunch so timing is everything.
- ADVANCE PUBLICITY IS CRITICAL

Desirae B. - Blankets and crocheting

- Went very well.
- Maybe overkill to do it for still another year.
- She has ideas for other crafts.
- Could easily have made more than one blanket for each volunteer

Rehanna H. – Soup

- Dick & Vickie helped with getting ingredients for soup mixes.
- Plus an additional red lentil soup mix and unity soup mix project.
- Assembly line produced an incredible 900 soup kits and delivered to CALL Primrose with incredible wonderful feedback immediately.
- Should repeat this next year.
- All ages.
- Parents and kids.

Gary D. – Defenders Lodge (aka Fisher house)

- Expected 100 but only had about 60.
- Those that came enjoyed the food and everything was positive.
- Again was not promoted well.

Safe Harbor:

- Seemed to be good interaction.
- Rabbi Dan thought it was quite good.

Rev. Lillian Capehart -San Bruno singing

- Singing was fabulous and thanks to Rev. Kristi.
- She hopes to do it again next year.
- Next year: stick with 2 sites only and have more publicity.
- More flyers and follow thru per Rev. Kristi.

Jon L - Books

- Always seem to come in to late, but they come in finally with quite a bit.
- One volunteer was a former librarian and could really help categorizing and identifying books.
- Push deadline for books sooner to get them delivered sooner.

Vince P -Clothing:

- Not enough came in.
- Are people tired of giving clothing?
- Too many volunteers for clothing as there was not enough clothing, so moved on red lentil soup

Jim S. - Benches

- Great volunteers from Bay Automatic Door and brought their own tools and turned out to be a very successful.
- All 3 years have been very successful and leave a lasting permanent memory.

Gardening:

- break it down into sub projects; some volunteers were not matched correctly
- But gardening is a great overflow project.

Joel M. –Registration at North Shoreview.

- Maybe people should fill out their own nametags as a timesaver
- also have separate waivers for volunteers versus parents/kids waivers

Comments for Rick Fuchs – Mural painting at John Gill

- Everything went well

Other Comments

- Gary suggested that some projects could be done more than once per year.
- We should start a list of possible projects: Perhaps give some dates for projects and ask for volunteers.
- Environmental projects are always available and we can absolutely do this on MLK day per Sam H as he works for the parks dept

Next meeting is March 7th at Shinnyo-en and Shinnyo-en will do a faith presentation.

Finished with a prayer led by Rev. Kristi

These notes were written by Joel Miller as Secretary of PMC on February 6th, 2016