

PMC General Meeting of April 18th meeting held at Peninsula Sinai Congregation in Foster City

Attended:

Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
Jewish Community Resource Council	Brittany	Caine
Congregational Church of Belmont	Susan	Linares
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
St. Matthias Catholic Church in Redwood City	Claire	Felong
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in FC.	Dana	Izenson
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Ina	Allen
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Michele	Epstein
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Lionel	Engelman
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Rev. Carole	Moore
St. Pauls Episcopal Church in Burlingame	Lisa	Streibing
Congregation Church of San Mateo	Rev. Kibbie	Ruth
Trinity Baptist Church	Diane	Gillen
LDS Church (Mormon) Foster City	Rick	Holbrook
Pacifica Institute	Deanna	Kaya
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Jeff	Savitz
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Evelyn	Engelman
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
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Dick	Heiman
Island United Church in Foster City	Alexis	Lewis

Note that Joel Miller (normally takes notes) was unable to attend this meeting. In lieu of notes, the agenda is shown.

Following the agenda is a report from the Steering Committee that was discussed in this meeting.

Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC)
499 Boothbay Avenue
Foster City
7:00pm – 9:00pm

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I.	Opening Prayer	7:00 – 7:05
II.	Presentation by Trinity Baptist Church	7:05 – 7:20
	Questions & Answers	7:20 – 7:25
III.	Summary of Steering Committee Meeting of 4/6/16 – LTE Specific Items (See attached)	7:25 – 7:40
	1. Other Recommendations from the Board	
	(a) Succession Planning	
	(b) Outreach to other Faith Houses	
	(c) Public Statements	
	2. Updated Calendar (See attached)	
	Initial Questions & Answers	7:40 – 7:50
	<u>Other Events:</u>	7:50 – 7:55
IV.	Song Fest – A desire to have different faith houses participate in Song Fest – Connect with Rev Kristi (June 12 th afternoon at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City)	
V.	Iftar Event Update - Deanna Kaya (Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) and Pacifica Institute on June 26 th) - at PTS	
VI.	Prayer Day Event Update – Lisa Striebing (Prayer day around Labor Day)	
VII.	Data Base Committee – Vickie	7:55 – 8:05
VIII.	MLK Day – Dick Heiman	8:05 – 8:50
	1. Importance	
	2. Organization	
	3. Size	
	4. School Issues	
IX.	MLK Day Brochure – Vickie and Dana	8:50 – 8:55
X.	Next Meeting – May 2, 2016 (Location and faith presentation needed)	Noted
XI.	Closing prayer	8:55 - 9:00

Report from the Steering Committee Relating to 4/6/16 Meeting

1. Discussion revolved around the difference (but integrated elements of our mission statement:

“The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition brings together our diverse faith communities to build bridges of understanding and respect. We stand together with humility to acknowledge our common values, learn from one another and serve our wider world.”
 - (a) The necessity to continue to balance the difference elements of that statement
 - (b) Have a better understanding of the other interfaith organizations in our community
 - (c) Limiting any additional public statement to the greater Bay Area (specifically, if it affects our immediate member faith houses)
2. Continue to improve the functioning of the steering committee
3. New ideas or new business can be brought to the steering committee to create a central efficiency necessary for the limited committee time available
4. Sharing of ideas to increase the membership of our faith houses in the multifaith activities

- The steering committee generally felt this area was being adequately addressed by each faith houses and our related clergy has been well informed about our efforts.
5. Making our general committee more aware of the support needed for the Teen Interfaith Council and creating more teen friendly events
6. Continue to provide information to the general committee as to our ongoing projects (MLK, Day, Songfest, Iftar, Passover Sedar, and Prayer Day).
7. Detail discuss occurred relating to the benefits and realities relating to MLK, Day
 - (a) Strong desire to continue MLK Day
 - (b) Concern about the continuing needs for new leadership
 - (c) Re-analyzing functions needed to be performed as responsibilities can be spread among more than a few individuals (i.e. increasing the management teams)
 - (d) Concern over the expenses of the MLK Day volunteers - matching project needs to volunteers
 - (e) Having less projects but responsibilities for each major function defined and assigned (maybe 2 or 3 less projects and limiting to 400 volunteers)
 - (f) Finances of the day will be better once we have the 501(c)3 status and an independent bank
 - (g) Pre and post publicity immediately needs to be a major part of the function
 - (h) Less emphasis on food (afternoon meal or snacks (?))

- (i) It has been recommended that the MLK committee consist of six or seven CoChairs, each of whom will take complete start to finish responsibility for a group of similar projects. As an example, for discussion purposes, these groupings might be as follows:
 - a) Schools and book distribution
 - b) Crafts and assembly like soup mix
 - c) Singing
 - d) Service groups and shelters like Safe Harbor and veterans
 - e) Food sourcing, centralizing all project needs
 - f) Budgeting and fund raising
 - g) Event communications and publicity before, during and after

While there will still be need for one person to coordinate these efforts, they should not get bogged down in the detail. In addition, we may have to pay for some “back office” functions, depending on the future availability of JCRC assistance.

- 8. PMC Coalition supporting other organizations events (i.e. Habitat, Free my Hungry Children, Bayfront Clean-Up vs hunger)
 - It was determined that our efforts are best spent with the projects within our PMC events. However, exchanging information about these other events is important and can be shared in our committee meeting and through our website.
- 9. Need to further develop a customer relations management data base, which can be used for multiple functions.
- 10. Continuing benefit from our brochure exists and the obtaining additional copies (when needed)
- 11. PMC Congregational membership – better defined (involvement vs attending a meeting and providing minimal financial support)
- 12. Outreach to other faith houses regarding new membership. This area needs to be developed through strong committee besides individual efforts
- 13. Potential ideas to follow up on
 - (a) Educational meeting – extended time for discussion
 - (b) Encouraging members to exchange traditional ceremonies
 - (c) Encouraging small interfaith groups to meet over dinner (3-6 couples, as an example)
- 14. Importance of maintaining a connection with a veteran’s project
- 15. Importance of developing a success plan for leadership
 - (a) Providing interested individuals a path to leadership
 - (b) Utilizing the framework of our Committees: Task Force on Structure, Program Outreach, Education Committee, and Steering Committee