

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition meeting at Congregational Church of San Mateo (CCSM) on Nov 7th

Attended:

Faith House	First Name	Last Name
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community SV	Mujeeb	Ijaz
Congregation Beth Jacob in RWC	Jon	Levinson
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
Congregational Church of San Mateo	Rev. Kibbie	Ruth
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
Holy Trinity Lutheran in San Carlos	Dick	Rescho
Island United Church of FC	Pastor Carol	Barriger
JCRC Peninsula	Sarah	Fields
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Desirae	Barton
Masjid Ul Haqq Mosque in San Mateo	Rehana	Hussain
Pacifica Institute in Burlingame	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
Sanatan Mandir Hindu in San Bruno	Dilip	Amin
Shinnyo-en USA Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Kyoko	Sato
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Jim	Sell
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Liz	Olsen
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Ina	Allen
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Diane	Gillen
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Justin	Wooley
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Debbie	Mytels
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Tovis	Page

Introductions all around

Rev. Kristi D. suggested a different congregation each week to do the prayer at the opening

- Everyone agreed that this was a good idea

Desirae B. gave the opening prayer.

Rev Kibbie gave a presentation on UCC (United Church of Christ) in San Mateo

- *(this presentation was recorded and the video will be posted on the PMC website)*
- She also spoke about CCSM and Social justice issues:
 - Getting an award for housing.
 - Also, a bicycle program to prepare bicycles for farm workers

Rev Kristi D. spoke about interfaith small groups –

- so-called go deeper groups
- See attached handout for details.
- Various members asked meaningful questions re who should attend, where to meet, what to eat and drink.
- Rev. Kristi D. said that the 1st year will sort of set details for upcoming meetings.
- Maybe all men to get together or all women to get together due to religious implications.

Rev. Kristi D. talked about Crossing Lines event on the 29th

- Event is posted on PMC website

Teen Interfaith Leadership Council met last night

- A group of them would like to come to your congregation to recruit new members.
- They are interested in growing.
- TILC is a part of PMC.

Song Fest on March 5th at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City – waiting on flyer

Dick H. spoke about the MLK Jr day of service

- Spoke about the history and value of PMC's day of service
- This event has spawned other interfaith activities such as prayer in the park and iftar, etc
- 5th year of this event
- Passed around packets from Brittany – get electronic version from Dick
- Spoke about details of each project
- Debbie G will put together the CAPTAINS packets for MLK Day
- Matt M. (finance chair for event)
- Spoke about email to Save the Date prepared by Dana I.
- Hands raised of those who did not receive this email
- MLK Flyer needed
- MLK Day book drive flyers- books can be dropped off at CBJ right after Thanksgiving
- Mujeeb I. is publicity chair and will bring his group's findings on Dec 5th (next meeting).
- Mujeeb I. needs a social media guru for his group
- Needs photo assistants to help with pictures to document pictures
- Rehanna H. & Vickie S. have volunteered to help as photo assistants
- Starting time for breakfast – move starting time from 8:30 to 8:00 as school volunteers want to meet early.
- Desirae B. is overall craft captain and everything is moving well
- Dick H. (from Lisa S. says shelter projects are on track
- MLK Video and MLK brochure are on PMC web site
- How does each congregation modify the flyer and/or brochure?
 - liaisons should be thinking about this.

- Jim S. was concerned about reading buddy issues –
 - last year reading buddies program was out of sync
- Ratio of two students to one volunteer should help
- Only two schools and not three.
- Working already with schools
- Separate reading buddies into age groups
- Volunteer satisfaction is a major goal
 - interaction with other volunteers
 - Urge volunteers to help in other year long events
 - Make volunteering experience positive
- First Presbyterian choir director has offered to help in singing –
 - Gary D. will work with Rev. Kristi D. on this
- Purposely cut back number of volunteers to make the volunteer experience more meaningful
- No walk-ins
- Only volunteers from our member congregations will be allowed to sign up because of limited slots
- Newer and smaller congregations will get priority early signup
- On a weekly basis, a report will be sent out to show running totals
- After a large number of volunteers have signed up, then advertising at each congregation could stop
- Ask schools about secondary projects?
- How about a waiting list if most slots are filled?
 - Dana I. confirmed that Eventbrite can accommodate wait lists.
- Gardening and/or maintenance programs can allow for overflow will be considered
- Rev. Kristi D. has now confirmed a third singing site at Burlingame Long Term Care Facility on Trousdale
 - justified for case of extra volunteers signing up or showing up at last minute.
- Rev. Kibbie R. suggested a trash cleanup program for the city of San Mateo
- Deanna K. suggested cleanups around schools

Closing prayer by Rev. Kristi D.

Next meeting is on Dec. 5th at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

Notes prepared by Joel Miller on November 9th