

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition meeting at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City on Dec 5th

Attended:

Faith House

	First Name	Last Name
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community SV	Mujeeb	Ijaz
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
Congregational Church of San Mateo	Rev. Kibbie	Ruth
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
Island United Church of FC	Pastor Carol	Barriger
JCRC Peninsula	Sarah	Fields
JCRC Peninsula	Brittany	Caine
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Debbie	Grewal
LDS Church (Mormon) Foster City	Rick	Holbrook
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in FC.	Dana	Izenson
Peninsula Temple Sholom	Lionel	Engleman
Peninsula Temple Sholom	Evelyn	Engleman
Peninsula Temple Sholom	Jeff	Savitz
Peninsula Temple Sholom	Arlene	Rosenberg
Peninsula Temple Sholom	Judy	Harris
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
Sanatan Mandir Hindu in San Bruno	Dilip	Amin
Shinnyo-en USA Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Ineko	Tsuchida
St. Andrews Lutheran Church of San Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Jim	Sell
St. Paul's Episcopal Church of San Mateo	Lisa	Striebing
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Ina	Allen
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Rev. Carole	Moore
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Diane	Gillen
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Rev. Stefanie	Etzbach-Dale
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Tovis	Page
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Roz	Wagner
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Beth	Harrison
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Beverly	Morgan
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Cheri	Hahne
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Nancy	Goodban
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Riley	McLaughlin

Introductions all around

Rev Stefanie E. delivered the opening prayer

Then, Rev Stefanie E. started her presentation on Unitarian Universalist Fellowship beliefs and history

- As part of this presentation PMC members attending gave keywords
- These keywords were then incorporated into her presentation
- Step into the world and make it fair and just for every individual was a key learning
- Her presentation was recorded and will be posted on the PMC website.

PTS's Multifaith Day of Learning – Arlene R. from PTS

- Spent time with several mental health professionals – many hours were spent in this effort
- Reduce stigma of mental health (depression, etc.)
- Teen/Young adult mental health day of learning on 1/22/2017
- 2:00 – 5:00 at PTS
- Flyer was handed out and is posted on the PMC website.

John P. spoke about Peace Village

- This flyer is also posted on the PMC website

Rev. Kristi D. spoke about events at Evergreen Muslim center

- Members of each faith house could reach out
- Letter writing workshop is at Congregational Church of Belmont on Dec. 10th from 10-Noon
- Who are your government leaders?
- How to write a great letter to the editor
- Make some impact
- At Evergreen Islamic center on Dec. 11th
- This event flyer is posted on the PMC website

Lionel E. spoke about the letters regarding attacks on minorities that were written by the steering committee

- A letter written by Rev. Kristi D. was presented
- Several comments and suggestions were voiced

Ken K. spoke about school projects on MLK Jr. Day of Service

- Things are progressing quite well
- Ken K. has gathered all supplies except for plants
- He has a good handle on the scope and details of the projects
- One volunteer per two students in reading program
- Ken has created a reading buddie outline / document to improve project
- Reading buddy tutor will arrive 30 minutes before to instruct volunteers
- When kids arrive, volunteers will be ready to go
- The reading tutor and instruction will include role playing, etc.

Jeff S. spoke about finances and financial support

- More funds are needed
- Faith house have financial responsibilities
- Two letters regarding financial support were distributed by email the next day

Publicity – Mujeeb I.

- Handed out details regarding media and media team
- Media team met to discuss publicity including print and TV
- Target types of media outlets
- Target friends in media to help
- Spoke of attached Media Advisory – contact Mujeeb for electronic version
- Try to get members of congress and/or city mayors and county supervisor to attend

- Per Rev Kristi D. – better idea is to have these “important” people to be involved in our projects rather than speak
- Goal is to promote PMC and MLK Day of service as a day of healing and unity

MLK Jr. Day of Service – Details: Dick H.

- 8 sites; 22 projects; 450 volunteers
- Over 1000 congregants have participated in the past
- Pointed out beautiful 2017 flyer
- He made a toast to Dana, Brittany, and Lisa Finkelstein for all their efforts in producing flyer
- Handouts were passed out with projections
- Volunteers have expanded to 467 as a result of discussions with schools
- Also everyone needs to sign up including helpers, etc
- Only two singing groups and not three
- Every member needs to communicate volunteer numbers to Dick H.
- Spoke about how many have already volunteered from the smaller congregations
- Honest input is needed from each congregation
- Each congregation will get updated reports on who and what projects are being signed up for
- Last week 30 of clergy met and talked about healing national divisions and increase of hate crimes
- Dick H. & Lisa S. met with Father Thomas Skillings of St. Paul’s Episcopal about what PMC can do to support other members who may be attacked
- A couple of ideas would be to have clergy address some of these supportive issues at breakfasts
- Maybe 15 or 20 minutes to address volunteers to about how the clergy can help and support those who are vulnerable to hate issues and divisiveness
- Rev. Kibbie R. spoke about how different faith houses could mobilize by speaking at breakfasts
- Rev. Kristi D. suggested that any clergy talks should be scripted somewhat – keep it simple and powerful and short
- Comment was made that perhaps this is not the venue for political or clergy talks as volunteers are at a onetime event and would not be together again until the following year
- How about a place at the breakfast with a “wall” with our logo and a strong message.
- Volunteers could leave messages with why they are here and place this on this “wall”
- Invite clergy to come in work clothes to work on projects and perhaps have clergy make a short one minute message
- Structure the breakfast more and perhaps create an agenda to hand out or email to volunteers in advance

Rev Kristi D. spoke about Teen Interfaith Leadership Council (TILC) and they will be visiting UUFRWC to solicit more members

- This TILC flyer is now posted on the PMC website.

Lionel E. gave closing prayer

Next meeting will be on the 9th of January at PTBE.

- Father Thomas Skillings of St. Paul’s Episcopal will be speaking at this meeting.

Notes prepared by Joel Miller on December 7th