

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition Meeting

March 27, 2017

Minutes

Attendance:

Congregation Beth Jacob in RWC	Jon	Poole
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
Congregational Church of San Mateo	Rev. Kibbe	Ruth
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
JCRC Peninsula	Sarah	Fields
JCRC Peninsula	Brittany	Caine
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Debbie	Grewal
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Desirae	Barton
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Tim	Fewkes
LDS Church (Mormon) Foster City	Rick	Holbrook
LDS Church (Mormon) Foster City	Andrea	Weideman
Pacifica Institute in Burlingame	Deanna	Kaya
Peninsula Temple Sholom	Lionel	Engleman
Peninsula Temple Sholom	Evelyn	Engleman
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Dick	Heiman
San Mateo Buddhist Temple	Amy	Doi
Shinnyo-en USA Buddhist Temple in RWC	Kyoko	Sato
Shinnyo-en USA Buddhist Temple in RWC	Ineko	Tsuchida
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Jim	Sell
St. Andrews Lutheran Church of San Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Ina	Allen
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Diane	Gillen
Trinity Lutheran Church of San Carlos	Dick	Rescho
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Tovis	Page

Opening Prayer: Rick Holbrook at 7:10 p.m.

A Presentation on Muslim/Jewish Partnership on the Peninsula by Sarah Fields:

- Slideshow presentation
- Questions & Answers

Teen Suicide Prevention Program by Cameron Fewkes:

- Follow up from last meeting
- Hope Squad Presentation on April 22/23
- Wants to get word out to all congregations. As well as to any teachers/councilors/anyone in education

Song Fest Follow Up by Rev. Kristi Denham:

- Great success. As described by Pastor Connie W., "It was really cool."
- Over 200 in attendance
- Want to put on calendar for 1st Sunday in March 2018
- Who will host next year? Possibly First Pres in Burlingame or Shinnyo-en

Nominating Report by Dick Heiman:

- PMC started with 8 congregations and now we are up to 22 and growing
- Board consists of 9 members with 2 year terms
- 4 board members are leaving and 5 are staying this year
- In our May meeting we will vote for new board members from the recommendations from the nominating committee
- If you would like to nominate anyone please contact Dick H. or Vickie S. in the next few days
- Vickie S. clarified that you can self-nominate as long as your congregation is a PMC member
- The Board meets once per month usually via phone conference
- Possible Board retreat
- So commitment for Board Member is: 8 phone calls per year, 8 or 9 PMC meetings per year, and PMC service/activities

Affinity Groups Update by Rev Kristi D.:

- Last meeting groups chosen; now the challenge is to find a date to actually meet
- Need more Muslim representation
- Groups meet 4 times per year

CDA Care Presentation by Rick Holbrook and Debbie Grewal:

- According to MLK Day survey congregation members want to do more Multifaith service
- CDA Cares could be a great opportunity to accomplish this
- Video presentation
- CDA Cares will take place on April 22 & 23 at San Mateo Event
- Fliers passed out to distribute to congregations

Old Bible Exhibit Invitation by Rick Holbrook:

- The exhibit at the LDS Temple Hill in Oakland will showcase rare Bibles dating back as far as 1249
- Free event running April 8 – 23

Discussion on PMC Participation in More Community Service:

- MLK Day survey indicates participants want to do more. 2/3 of the participants are returning so only 1/3 have new opportunity
- CDA Cares could be a good way to give congregations more.
- Give more people more opportunity to serve
- Question was asked how we create an Interfaith Event when our congregations are approached to participate in community service?
 - o PMC shirts?
 - o Brittany C.: highly encouraged monthly email blasts with PMC updates
 - o Vickie S.: once an event is known make a goal of getting “X” amount of people to attend
 - o Sarah F.: CDA Cares already filling up
- We voted to have PMC participate in an additional community event at least once per year

MLK Day Planning 2018 by Dick Heiman:

- Found a good size that is manageable
 - o 485 participants in 2017, 90% good rating, 2 breakfasts, team/leadership process all worked effectively
- MLK Day Committee recommended to keep the same for next year
 - o 450 – 500 volunteers
 - o 2 breakfasts
 - o Freshen up projects: Desirae looking at what to keep/change about crafts, Ken actively looking into specific schools
 - o Looking into refugee projects
- Affirmation to do the above = yes!
- Dick H. has personal challenge so there is a need for new leadership for MLK Day 2018

Ending Comments/Concerns from Those in Attendance:

- Deanna K.: wants to see more education based programs (Note: Connie Winter-Eulberg will work with Dilip to develop more programs).
- Rev. Kristi D.: liked the Women’s Tea at Pacifica Institute; Anyone want to work with Rev. Kristi D. on education event? Educate ourselves on Rapid Response Teams; how to respond to ICE; 30% of San Mateo are undocumented
- Jim Sell: Lent & Soup Dinner at St. Barts giving participants next step to go beyond charity; give path to make a difference

- Rev. Kristi D.: explained difference between PMC and Faith in Action
- Rev. Kibbie R.: CCSM voted to be a sanctuary church; talked about carrying red cards
- Ineko T.: talked about experience with service learning vs. charity and the benefits of incorporating education in service.
- Tovis Page recommended a food project, "Rise Against Hunger", as another community service event.

Next Meeting Set for May 1, at Pacifica Institute, Burlingame

Closing Prayer: Rev. Kristi at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes composed on March 27th by Desirae Barton