

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition Meeting held at Sanatan Mandir Hindu Temple in San Bruno on September 11th, 2017

Attended:

Faith House	First Name	Last Name
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Ina	Allen
Sanatan Mandir Hindu Temple in San Bruno	Dilip	Amin
Island United Church of FC	Pastor Carol	Barriger
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Desirae	Barton
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
JCRC Peninsula	Sarah	Fields
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Debbie	Grewal
College Heights UCC in San Mateo	guests	
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Dick	Heiman
LDS Church (Mormon) Foster City	Rick	Holbrook
Masid UI Haqq Mosque in San Mateo	Rehana	Hussein
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of SV	Mujeeb	Ijaz
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of SV	Sabiha	Ijaz
Peninsula Temple Sinai in FC	Dana	Izenson
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Judy	Maller
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Joel	Miller
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Judy	Miller
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Rev. Carol	Moore
Sycamore Congregational Church in El Cerrito	Rev. Kevin	Omi
Sanatan Mandir Hindu Temple in Livermore	Gaurav	Rastogi
Congregational Church of San Mateo	Rev. Kibbie	Ruth
Shinnyo-en USA Buddhist Temple in RWC	Kyoko	Sato
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Jeff	Savitz
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Burlingame	Lisa	Striebing
Episcopal Church of St. Matthew	Kitty	Van Beckum
St. Andrews Lutheran Church in San Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg

Presentation on the Hinduism *followed by Hindu Prayers*

- <https://www.facebook.com/rustey/posts/10155818488641995>

Introductions: all around

Upcoming and Ongoing Events that need our support

Affinity group –

- Pastor Connie W.
 - had a wonderful group 8 or 10 attended
 - very powerful and good sharing
 - spent 3 hours together.
- Lisa S
 - difficult to set up date;
 - 7 people attended.
 - We're all closer and good sharing.
 - 2nd meeting set up
- Dick H.
 - has a group and trying to set up
- Sabiha I
 - trying to set up

There will be new opportunities to set up new groups.

TILC (*Teen Interfaith Leadership Council*)

- Cultural Faire is postponed to Nov 5th at LDS church in FC
- New date based on planning meeting on Sept. 10.
- Rev. Kristi D. passed out a form to ask for more leaders and more involvement.

Multifaith Songfest

- is March 4th at Peninsula Sinai Congregation in Foster City –
- Rev. Kristi D. asked for singers and choirs, etc.

MLK Jr. Day of Service (Projects)

- We need elementary schools – at least one
- We need a co-captain for Sequoia HS with Sarah Fields
- But no reading buddies at Sequoia HS – only elementary schools
- and use a type of modeling to encourage reading at home.
- Book collection and other collections –
 - too long to get books and they got there too late
 - where to store books

- maybe sort books at breakfast location and then deliver books to schools
- sorting books idea needs to be approved
- elementary school books –
- Drop-offs for books need to be one of the 2 breakfast locations
- Safe Harbor volunteers could sort books before heading off to Safe Harbor after breakfast and then soft books –
- possibly sort books at Safe Harbor as they have a room to do this?
- no religious books –
- also collecting toothpaste, toiletries, etc. for donation to SFO airport USO and Call Primrose.
- Add another soup project?
- Elms in San Carlos – happy to have us sing
- San Bruno nursing and Lesley Terrace, Belmont both – a good maybe
- Seniors would appreciate flowers
- Vicki S. has offered to be captain for flowers to be placed at breakfast and then donated to seniors at singing event
- Keep total number volunteers to a max of 450
- Breakfast Gary D. & Rick H are working together on the breakfasts
- Gary D. will take care of food for breakfast and Safe Harbor
- San Bruno Mountain park project – pulling weeds and collecting native plants up to 40 volunteers.
- Sarah F. – let her know if each congregation has a social media presence so that she can connect and help to promote MLK Day etc.
- On PMC's Facebook, users can and should comment on events
- Ken Klieman will not be able to participate this year
- North Shoreview and Fair Oaks have chosen not to participate
- We need a school with a principal who is willing to work with us
- In the past, we've done improvement type projects such as planting or building or cleaning

MLK Jr. Day of Service (Communications and T-Shirts)

- Mujeeb indicated a connection for Social Media's site – so perhaps an email blast to everyone to alert their Social Media page
- Mujeeb's daughter (Sashi) is working on MLK day – so maybe she could get together with a few more (Social Media types).
- We need to know who is Social Media rep and photographer for each congregation.
- T-Shirts:
 - Carol B. & Kibbie R. are on T-Shirts committee.
 - Volunteer t-shirts and captain's t-shirts.
 - Can we sell t-shirts so that we can give t-shirts to captains?
 - \$7.50 each with 200 volunteers or \$6.75 each for 450 volunteers
 - Numbers depend on sizes and types.

- Buttons for captains instead of separate T-shirts
- Sarah suggested charging \$20 for T-shirts at event.
- Is \$20 too high.
- Can we assume that people are even interested in buying shirts?
- Would we rather have volunteers donate or ask volunteers to purchase T-shirts.
- How about a GoFundMe with T-shirt and ask volunteers to fund a shirt? Sabiha I can send up a GoFundMe page and we can link to it.
- Add a back story to the GoFundMe page telling our story.
- Do we want to purchase shirts and how many?
- Mujeeb suggested giving shirt to volunteers at no cost and then trying and fund the cost later.
- Lead time to purchase is 2 weeks.
- Free T-shirts will build interest and excitement in our event.
- Group at this meeting voted and approved free t-shirts for volunteers
- it was suggested that we send out the links to promote the upcoming events on Facebook – see following links:
- Multifaith Women's Panel - September 17, 2017
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/2382621925296153>
- MLK Day - January 15, 2018
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/101777947095706>

Financial – Mujeeb I.

- Talked about a financial letter and handed out this letter and asked for filling out this form and asked for possible donations.
- This also could be done also by email to Mujeeb.
- Last year we raised \$12,000 in contributions from MLK, etc.
- Target of 20% year after year and try and grow to over \$15,000 this year
- No budget yet for MLK day, but last year the budget for this event was \$10,000.
- Create a budget for where we will spend money.
- Email Mujeeb with a suggestion of budget expenses.
- Usually project captains can indicate what they need for MLK Day.
- Suggest that if any PMC members work for corporations, there may be corporate fund matching.

Announcements-

- Dick H. spoke about Pacifica institute and the Hizmet situation in Turkey.
- PMC will not become involved in a political issue.
- A Shabbat service and panel discussion was held at PTBE in August.,
- Therefore they (Pacifica and Hizmet) would like us to reach out to our elected leaders and apprise them of this situation.
- He encourages any PMC congregations and individuals to reach out to government reps.

- Pacifica needs to advise us or what specifically to say.
- Sarah F. indicated that JCRC would assist in education and supply more details.

Upcoming Events

- Women's Panel on Sept 17th at LDS Church in FC
- Interfaith National Day or Prayer on Oct 3rd
- Crop walk on the Peninsula on Oct. 8th
 - Cong. Church of Belmont is involved – contact Rev. Kristi D.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Event on October 21st
 - contact Rev. Kristi D. for more details
- Chocolate event at Cong. Church of Belmont in October
 - contact Rev. Kristi D. for more details
- Go to: <http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org/upcoming-events-links/>
for more details on upcoming events.

Next meeting is Oct. 2nd

- Location TBD
- Dick H. will check on PTBE.
- Possible topic to be on what the Jewish high holy days mean to me

Closing Prayer by Rev. Kristi D.