

**Peninsula Multifaith Coalition
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2017
Peninsula Temple Sholom
1655 Sebastian Drive, Burlingame**

In Attendance:

Faith House / Affiliation	1st Name	Last Name
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Desirae	Barton
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in FC.	Sue	Blockstein
Pacifica Institute	Donna	Boswell
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Diane	Gillen
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Judy	Harris
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in SM	Dick	Heiman
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Rick	Holbrook
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community SV	Mujeeb	Ijaz
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in FC.	Dana	Izenson
Pacifica Institute in Burlingame	Deanna	Kaya
Congregation Beth Jacob in RWC	Jon	Levinson
Island United Church	Alexis	Lewis
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Rev. Carole	Moore
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Tovis	Page
Holy Trinity Lutheran in San Carlos	Dick	Rescho
Congregation Church of SM	Rev. Kibbie	Ruth
Shinnyo-en USA Buddhist Temple in RWC	Kyoko	Sato
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Jeff	Savitz
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Jim	Sell
St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Burlingame	Lisa	Striebing
Shinnyo-en USA Buddhist Temple in RWC	Ineko	Tsuchida
St. Andrews Lutheran Church of San Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg

Rev. Kristi D.: **welcome and opening prayer** at 6:50 p.m.

Michael Battat, Sunday School coordinator at PTS: shared with us about the **Jewish High Holy Days** and answered our questions about faith and practice.

Then we did full **introductions.**

We reviewed recent Events:

- Women's Panel, September 17, was a huge success.
- Desirae B. shared about the energy and response.
- We would like to make this an annual event.

- Affinity Groups Report: Lisa S. once again said their group is going well. Connie W. and Rev. Kristi D. agreed and added that if others within our immediate circle of influence would like to start an additional group they can let Rev. Kristi D. know and she'll work on it.

- TILC Cultural Faire has been canceled.
 - There is not enough support for our congregation's youth.
 - There will be a next meeting of the TILC on November 5, 3 p.m. at UUSM. Interested youth are encouraged to come as we re-group as an organization.
 - We would like one of the MLK projects to be designated for youth ages 12 to 18 only. This seems doable.
 - Remember the Multifaith Songfest, March 4, at Peninsula Sinai Congregation. Begin asking your choirs, musicians, performers, to plan to participate.

MLK Day Update – October 2, 2017

1. Schools Update

- added Taylor Middle School
- thank you to Jim Sell!
- meeting with Principal on Thursday, October 5
- 3 projects (picnic tables, gardening, book distribution)
- Jim Sell and Roy Bukstein will be captains at Taylor Middle School
- Sarah Fields and Alexis Lewis will be captains at Sequoia HS
- **we still need 2 project captains at Sequoia HS**
 - (Tea Garden and Memorial Garden)
- Kibbie R. recommended Turnbull school for next year

2. Books and Reading Buddies

- we probably won't have a book collection drive this year
- Taylor Middle School already has books in storage that need to be sorted for their library and classrooms
- hopefully Jon Levinson will lead this project, we need to find out how many books they have at Taylor
- no Reading Buddies program, but we have two captains who volunteered so we will have to find new projects for them

3. Crafts Projects – Desirae B, Connie W.

- Desirae B. is moving away
- thank you to Connie W. for volunteering as Super Captain!
- split location of projects (crafts at First Pres, soup mixes and USO hygiene kits at Mormon church)

- how are we collecting for USO hygiene kits?
 - purchasing products or collection drive?
 - we would like to have hand-made cards with hygiene kits
 - recommendation to have one crafts project reserved for teens
4. Communications – Sarah F.
- we are collecting the contacts from each organization responsible for communication, newsletters, and social media
 - these names will be used to distribute flyers and information about sharing Facebook posts
 - need to create and distribute Save the Date flyer soon (Lisa F)
 - and email campaign using MailChimp to past volunteers
5. Publicity – Mujeeb I.
- meeting with Dana I., Mujeeb I, Sarah F., and Shazia I. on September 25
 - discussed social media strategy
 - highlight individual projects/stories and history of MLK Day of Service
 - suggestion to include inspirational quote from different religions
 - create funny video to generate interest
 - better use of hashtags
 - we don't have enough followers on Facebook to get a lot of publicity
 - Sarah F. reached out to Jon Levinson about getting visibility through the County Board of Supervisors
 - idea of having to “like us” on Facebook to get t-shirt
 - Shazia I. might be able to create t-shirt design
 - find out how to add donation link to Facebook, link to PayPal
 - need to identify social media contacts from our congregations, spreadsheet was passed around
 - suggestion to create physical symbol of our Multifaith work, such as tree with thumbprints to present to Mayor/City Council, Deanna K. offered to help
6. Singing Projects – Rev. Kristi D.
- 3 locations (San Bruno Skilled Nursing, Lesley Terrace, San Carlos Elms)
 - we have captains for each
 - Kristi and Dick Rescho need to follow-up about song leader in San Carlos
7. Breakfasts – Gary D.
- Gary D. will start working on this
 - o - need to get numbers about how many people at each breakfast and think about how to set up for crafts projects afterward
8. Shelter – Lisa S.
- there will be some volunteer tasks before the BBQ lunch
9. San Bruno Mountain – Sam Herzberg
- The project will be pulling exotic invasive weeds in the headwaters of Colma Creek on San Bruno mountain and planting native plants. All ages welcome.

10. Budget – Mujeeb I.

- tells us that over \$7000 has been pledged so far (of a hoped for \$14,000) and \$3000 has come in.
- Our cash on hand is excellent.
- We will have a budget next month to approve.
- We agreed that all funds should be consolidated.

11. T-Shirts – Kibbie R. and Carol B.

- not ordered yet

We presented **Desirae Barton** with flowers and a handmade card signed by all of us as she prepares to move to North Carolina. We will miss her terribly! Connie made the card and has agreed to take on her role as coordinator for all craft projects on MLK Day

Announcements

- Interfaith National Day of Prayer Event, October 3
- Crop Walk on the Peninsula, October 8
- Domestic Violence Awareness Event, Daly City, Oct. 21, 11 to 2
- Chocolate Fest, October 20 - 21

Next Meeting ~ November 6 -- Either Sarah Fields or Connie Winter-Eulberg will lead. Island United Church or CBJ will hopefully host.

Closing Prayer led by Rev. Kristi D.