

PMC meeting of April 9th at Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo

Attended:

Faith House

	First Name	Last Name
Church of Scientology Silicon Valley	Alexa	Alborzi
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Ina	Allen
Sanatan Mandir Hindu in San Bruno	Dilip	Amin
Pacifica Institute in Burlingame	Mustafa	Balcioglu
Baha'i Faith of Mid Peninsula	Nasrin	Bashiri
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
Peninsula Temple Sholom in Burlingame	Evelyn	Engelman
Peninsula Temple Sholom in Burlingame	Lionel	Engelman
JCRC Peninsula	Sarah	Fields
LDS Church (Mormon) in San Bruno	Debbie	Grewal
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Cheri	Hahne
Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo	Dick	Heiman
LDS Church (Mormon) in Foster City	Rick	Holbrook
Peninsula Sinai Congregation in FC	Dana	Izenson
Island United Church in Foster City	Alexis	Lewis
Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo	Joel	Miller
Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo	Judy	Miller
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Rev. Carole	Moore
Congregation Beth Jacob in RWC	John	Poole
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in San Carlos	Dick	Rescho
Island United Church in Foster City	Brian	Ring
Shinnyo-en USA Buddhist Temple in RWC	Kyoko	Sato
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in San Carlos	Pastor Joshua	Serrano
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
St. Paul's Episopal Church of Burlingame	Rev. Thomas	Skillings
Sisters of Mercy of Burlingame	Penni	Thorp
St. Andrews Lutheran Church of San Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter- Eulberg
Baha'i Faith of Mid Peninsula	Tanya	Yavari

Opening Prayer by Tanya Y.

Introductions all around

Presentation of Bahai Faith by Nasrin B. & Tanya Y.

- This presentation will be posted on our web site (*thank you to Dilip A.*)
- Key Points - *see video for details*
 - One Human Family Baha'i
 - One God
 - Equality of men & women
 - Education of women
 - Meet at others houses instead of faith houses
 - 7 million members worldwide
 - Fastest growing religion
 - 9 major holidays
 - 19 days per month
 - Sole purpose for religion is unification
 - Was largest religious minority in Iran

Multifaith Songfest Review – Rev. Kristi D.

- 10 congregations attended
- Taiko drummers ended the show
- Gospel choir
- Children and adults
- We need a site for next year and room for 200 people plus drums
- 1st Sunday in March – *next year is 3-3-2019*
- Ask each congregation – need space for 150 – 200 and that opens at 1:00PM to practice and starts at 3:00PM
- We also need help in leading & planning this event for next year.

Reports from the Board

- Ideas for the future of MLK Jr. Day of Service – Dick H.
 - talked about the event history and PMC history
 - How to involve more congregants
 - Just completed 6th event involving 1500 separate congregation members
 - We are a victim of our own success- too many projects and too many volunteers
 - Dana I. & Sarah F. & Dick H. are overall planning directors.
 - For 2019 – hire an event coordinator – paid (*need help in recruiting*)
 - We need a overall director from PMC plus a overall co-director
 - Consider being a co-director (2 year commitment) asked at meeting
 - Also need a Communications leader

- Also need a Project organizing leader
- Jim S. is schools leader
- We need a school or schools for 2019
- Admin & Financial leader also needed
- Make this event more meaningful – pre-flection and reflection
- We need help in recruiting paid event coordinator
- Dick H. has a job description for paid coordinator
- Ask former volunteers if they know someone or want to be paid event coordinator?.- must be carefully worded
- We also need complete job description for each leader in the upcoming event
- Of course we also need project captains
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- **Prayers for Peace** is Sept 3rd : Rev Kristi D.
 - Labor Day
 - Need a team from major faith houses to plan
 - No complicated documented program this year
 - End with a potluck picnic
 - Need volunteers to help plan = contact Rev Kristi
 - John P., Tanya Y. and Nasrin B. have volunteered.
- **Suggestions for Visits with our congregations**
 - First suggestion: Let's get all our regular and important dates and times of celebrations listed on our website, (which we have already done), but we realize that without a specific invitation most folks won't feel `comfortable just **dropping in**.
 - We would love to do **pulpit exchanges** with our faith houses.
 - having another religious leader speak at another congregation
 - We'll ask our liaisons to talk to their faith leaders and begin to work on these connections.
 - We want each congregation to think about creating a **Special Event** to which we can invite all our congregations.
 - Just as we do our 20 minutes education programs at the liaison meetings, we would like to return to our practice of planning major educational events at each faith house.
 - Your congregation would ask your clergy or education director to prepare a talk on the history and practice of your faith followed by a tour of your facility and an explanation of the meaning of symbols and ritual in your tradition.
 - A simple dessert or light meal following the program would allow us to share, ask questions, and learn more.
 - What do you think?
 - Are you ready to volunteer your faith house and tradition?
 - We could do two or three of these each year.
 - Ask leaders of your congregation
 - A panel which discusses particular faith issues
 - Educational event at each congregation
 - Expand possibilities such as the Buddhist open house held in December.
 - We probably need a congregation visit event coordinator

- Each one at meeting should talk to their clergy and ask about doing these exchanges

Liaison backups still needed

- Very important to have liaison backup per Rev. Kristi
- Every congregation should be at each PMC meeting

Financial Report

- Paid bookkeeper for PMC – Lionel is following up

Announcements & Concerns

- Women of Faith - Sept. 29th – Pastor Connie
 - At St. Andrews in San Mateo
 - 120 people attended last one
 - Need speakers – 5 minutes or so to speak about their faith
 - Followed by cookies and round table discussion
 - Judy M. volunteered to be part of planning team
 - Sarah F also volunteered
- Missing Persons Day – April 21st (*Flyer is on PMC website*)
- Mercy Sisters met with Yaseen Foundation and they are doing dialogs and interfaith events
 - Flyer was distributed to PMC liaisons
 - (*Flyer is on PMC website*)
- 30th anniversary for Pastor Connie at St. Andrews on April 29th
- Father Thomas S. talked about the Israeli – Arab divide and talked about the Hand in Hand schools with half Arab and half Israeli
- Next Monday night at 7pm – reps from Hand in Hand will be at St. Paul's (*Flyer is on PMC website*)
- Candidate Forum on April 29th – (*Flyer is on PMC website*)
- Women of Strength Menlo Park – (*Flyer is on PMC website*)

Next Meeting – May 7th at Congregation Beth Jacob in RWC

Meeting closed with a prayer by Rev. Kristi D.