

Notes for PMC meeting of August 13th held at Island United Church in Foster City

Attended:

Faith House / Affiliation	1st Name	Last Name
Pacifica Institute	Mustafa	Balcioglu
Holy Trinity Lutheran in San Carlos	Bob	Beuthel
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in FC.	Sue	Blockstein
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Lionel	Engelman
Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo	Dick	Heiman
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Rick	Holbrook
Island United Church	Alexis	Lewis
Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo	Joel	Miller
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Rev. Carole	Moore
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Liz	Olsen
MLK Day Event Coordinator	Leila	Perraras
Congregation Beth Jacob in RWC	Jon	Poole
Holy Trinity Lutheran in San Carlos	Dick	Rescho
Island United in FC	Brian	Ring
Shinnyo-en USA Buddhist Temple in RWC	Kyoko	Sato
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Jim	Sell
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
St. Andrews Lutheran Church of San Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg
Bahai Faith of Mid-Peninsula	Tanya	Yavari
Congregation Beth Jacob in RWC	Miriam	Zimmerman
Island United in FC	Helen	Kennedy
Island United in FC	Machiko	Tereda

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Pastor Connie W.

Education Discussion: What is important to you about Multifaith work?

Some of the comments from this interactive exercise:

- Sharing with each other, etc., ... learning about each faith
- hear about experiences from each other

- understanding of commonalities of each other's faith
- multifaith comes from within
- what is good in our religions
- to get away from fear you need to have faith
- services to our community that
- work and plan together help us to understand our common beliefs
- loving humanity and celebrating faith
- discovering a deeper level
- setting a standard for compassion
- we come together as a more powerful humanity together
- everyone has a belief but not necessarily the same faith
- there's a lot of division in this world, but us coming together and the divisions go away
- creates peace for each of us and our community

Prayers for Peace – September 3, 2018 – Rev. Kristi D.

- couple of planning meetings
- confirmed speakers from 6 faiths
- prayers start at 11:30
- approval for a small budget to cover plates, forks, etc.
- looks to work better than previous years as more planning
- whole community is invited
- planning on at max of 200
- send out flyer with minutes
- no restriction on foods – each type of food will be marked
- can bring blankets or lawn chairs
- save the date postcards for MLK day suggested for this event

Women of Faith Panel – September 29, 2018 – Pastor Connie W.

- 5 speakers
- a real way of interacting
- then to hear someone speak about their faith for 10 minutes is very enlightening

Educational Programs – Lionel E. & Rev. Kristi D.

Welcoming the Stranger in our Six Faith Traditions

December 1, 2018 @6:30-8:30 pm at

Temple Beth Shalom

Speakers: Rabbi Lisa Delson, Salah Elbakri from Yaseen;

Christian, Hindu, Buddhist and Bahai speakers are confirmed.

- Welcome the stranger into our midst
- learning about each other's traditions
- committee will have another planning meeting
- working on additional speakers

Building Bridges Through Faith Traditions

Soup, Suppers, and speakers at our different faith houses

Wednesdays, March 13 - April 10, 2019

- Speakers?

- Which Faith houses?
- lot of time before this event
- still some work to do
- different speakers at another congregation
- massive project with details to follow

MLK Day - Dick H. and Leila P. (Event Coordinator)

- on schedule
- by next meeting we need to finalize project captains
- talked about and encouraged signup for project captains
- Rev Kristi D. has confirmed most of her leadership for her projects
- several other project leaders have been confirmed – see sheet
- blessing box containing non-perishable foods – this project could build 10 blessing boxes
 - where to put blessing box
 - working on list of supplies needed
- Re shelters – maybe craft projects done at shelter such as Life Moves
 - still need project lead (maybe 2 projects in 2 different rooms)
- Gary D. indicated he will find someone to serve food and will supply food
 - Dick H. asked for volunteers
- Leila P. suggested written job descriptions for project leads
- Soup Mix project was discussed
 - some ingredients come from BiRite, but some ingredients must be purchased
- Leila P. is putting together a sponsorship package
- Schools – Jim S.
 - schools in San Mateo (Parkside) that Jim S. is working out but details still to be worked out.
 - Jim S. is still working on additional schools.
 - Hoover school in RWC is a possibility?
 - Gardening is a big project at most schools
 - Build picnic tables, etc.
 - sorting and boxing books
 - need coordinators for each type of project
 - in a prior year coat hooks
 - another year book bag hangers
 - most building and gardening material are donated – OSH was very supportive prior year
 - Lowes was also supportive in prior years
- Provide a list of past project leads to Leila
- Alexis L. and Tanya Y. are the craft chairs
 - Rev Kristi D. reminded us that projects should try and be accomplished by different faiths
 - unless there are specific youth groups from a specific faith house

- still need chairperson
- Dick H. talked about the Magic Yarn project see <https://themagic yarnproject.com/>
 - possibility we might do this
 - Alexis L. mentioned knitting group from her church
 - Donna Boswell is sort of looking into this
- Hygiene kits could be given to Safe Harbor or other charity in RWC
- have posters at each project table describing use and benefits (especially craft projects)
- could we get a social worker to really detail these? – perhaps a slide show?
- at breakfast – invite a young volunteer to write a paragraph about what Martin Luther King means to me and that person could then present this at breakfast
- project descriptions for volunteer signups that include project benefits
- project brochure can be enhanced and improved
- Dick H. is concerned about open slots for project captains – we really need these slots to be filled
- he suggested everyone should put possibilities (even if not committed) on sheet
- T-shirts – use existing stock – unless a sponsor wants to assist

Financial Report – Pastor Connie W.

- as of June 30th
 - we are in good shape
 - However, MLK Day will cost twice as much this year
 - We still need contributions from Faith Houses based on fair share
 - Pastor Connie W. will send out email to each faith house with contribution request

Announcements and Concerns from our Community Partners

- Songfest confirmed March 3, 2019 at Mercy Center in Burlingame
- Possibility of a Muslim ensemble
- 5 or 6 choirs
- Taiko drummers
- Chocolate Fest on Oct. 12th & 13th at Congregational Church of Belmont

Next Meeting – September 17, 2018

- Location is: TBD (please let us know if you can host this meeting)

Closing Prayer – Rev. Kristi D.

Notes prepared by Joel Miller on August 14th, 2018