

Meeting Notes for October 23rd at the home of Florence and Rolf Beier

Attended: Pam Mayer, Florence Beier, Judy Miller, Joel Miller, Ramona Raybin, Michele Epstein, Rolf Beier, Judy Bloom, Judy Maller, Dick Heiman, Arleigh Grossman, Joyce Share

IFC Future and North Peninsula Group

- Dick talked about history of IFC. We're held up as a model for the Bay Area,
- Introductions were made, etc. Reaching out to other congregations is very important. Also discussed how we are a part of the North Peninsula, but 1st priority is to reach out to other congregations.
- Do we need a mission statement?
- Opening our doors to the community – Joyce
- North Peninsula is more involved in community efforts. Perhaps IFC reached out to individual congregations as opposed to larger community efforts.
- Rolf thinks we need a mission statement.
- Judy Miller & Joel & Joyce all felt that there is confusion between IFC and the North Peninsula Group.
- Judy Maller and Dick and Florence will draft a mission statement.
- Judy Maller thought that other congregations are losing members and maybe they are reluctant to help, but at the same time also want help to perhaps to increase their memberships.
- Judy Miller said that once the mission statement is done – then we need to communicate this mission including a tag line (suggested Judy Maller) to other faith houses.

Brief report on the Welcoming the stranger immigration event

- Florence attended and wrote an article for the Kolenu
- Rabbi Eisner spoke.
- Event was trying to raise awareness of immigration in this area. Also a Spanish translator was there and there was a lot of diversity and was held in the Sukkoth - per Judy Bloom
- Dick talked about statistics that were presented regarding diversity in San Mateo County.

Status on our Faith House partners

- Joyce talked with Deacon John of St. Bart's and he was on board for MLK day and Deacon John talked with Lisa Stribling (St. Paul's) to do something smaller, but perhaps not until June.
- Michelle talked with Rabbi Micah to perhaps work with youth at PTBE and youth at St. Bart's
- She meets with Rabbi Micah on 10/30 at 11 AM. And invited others to attend.
- San Mateo Congregational Church – Judy Maller had talked with the Rev Nelson at Sukkoth event – suggested Torah study on Saturday or Friday night services and sent emails re all of this and is waiting for answer.
- Lutherans – no contact per Pam (previous pastor Ford is now gone?) maybe will recontact regarding MLK event and invite them.
- Most congregations don't have large staffs and are short of time and money – Joyce Share
- Pam suggested we send some sort of interfaith holiday greeting card to our faith partners.
- Pacifica Institute event on 10/29 at SF Hilton. Florence asked is anyone else wanted to go.

- Mormon Church could possibly partner with up at MLK event. – (Joel sent email on this), otherwise no update.
- Andrew and Dick met with Vincent at Yaseen Foundation. – He (Vince) is very interested, but congregation is not. Everything is moving slowly, but will try and build perhaps contribute to MLK event.
- Judy Bloom will try and get some more diverse partners. She has found 3 churches with African American members. Pilgrim Baptist and San James Zion may be interested in partnerships.
- Also a large Catholic church on 3rd (St. Timothy) for a partner (many Spanish speaking). Judy Ma has offered to help with Judy Bloom.
- Joyce & Pam said that music brings us together. Let's do a musical service together
- Arleigh – Belmont Congregational Church – Rev Kristi talked about a song fest next year, perhaps asking Elana to sing at event. Dick suggested asking Rabbi Dennis to help with this.
- Arleigh also talked about Belmont Congregational Church event on 10/30. Arleigh will send a reminder. Arleigh also talked about 1/31 event on Building Bridges at PTBE.

Next meeting – TBD.