

IFC Meeting of July 20th held in the library at PTBE

Attending: Judy Miller, Joel Miller, Rick Raybin, Michele Epstein, Dick Heiman, Judy Maller, Nancy Schneider., Joanne Aviel., and Lorna Siepser.

Welcome & Introductions: Judy Maller & Michele

Updates on Previous Events

St. Andrews Shabbat Visit & Dinner in April:

- (27 guests from St Andrews and 20 from IFC)
- Rabbi Callie presented Pastor Connie with a High Holiday book

Deacon John Tribute at St. Bart's

- Lorna attended – small room that they usually meet was dedicated permanently to Deacon John
- Deacon John's daughter and wife (Barbara) attended and they pulled out the covering on the plaque on the room
- Everyone went around the room and told Deacon John stories.
- St. Bart's has a social action agenda and would really like to do social interaction (hopefully with PTBE).
- Without Deacon John, they (St. Bart's) would probably want one of us to get the ball rolling.
- They would like to come over here and do another service/event with us.
- Perhaps Barbara (Deacon John's wife) could be a catalyst for social interaction.

Rabbi Callie's Goodbye party & Shabbat service.

- 25 at Michele's house

Pulpit Exchange with CC Belmont:

- Rabbi Callie spoke (sermon) and sang and 8 PTBE members attended

Iftar Dinner at PTS

- Large turnout – at least 25 different congregations attended.
- Service was OK, not quite as good as the one at PTBE
- Lionel E was recognized and also Dick H also honored
- Dick talked about the wonderful relationship with PMC

Upcoming Events

Peace Village – Judy Maller

- As few as 12 or as many as 20 campers
- Cost appears to be too high
- Use this year to build on for future years
- Each day is a different event (theme day)
- Friday afternoon is closing ceremony
- Have we asked the JCC or JCRC or Jewish Federation for support?

Succoth Dinner

- We need to contact Rabbi Sarah or Rabbi Lisa for attend Succoth event
- October 16th at 5PM (Erev Succoth)
- IFC will probably decorate the Succoth
- Invite St. Bart's or Trinity Baptist or Mormon church or Pacifica or Rehanna's mosque
- Specifically invite the St. Bart's social action committee instead of the entire congregation

- Can we accommodate at least 100?
- Someone needs to talk with Eric and/or Nick for logistic details
- We need to limit attendance
- This event might help recruit new members for the IFC

Shabbat Visits with new Faith House connections

- Judy Maller & Michele did some outreach to the Methodist church without much success
- Buddhist Temple a possibility?
- Good Shepherd Episcopal church Belmont – Michele sent a letter but no response yet
- Transfiguration Episcopal church in San Mateo?

Additional Items

- Michele talked about a mosque in San Mateo.
- No members of SM mosque attended the BEW/IFC women's tea, only Pacifica women.
- Could IFC send a contribution to Rabbi Eisner in memory of his mother?
- Black Lives Matter – Dick H.
- Trinity Baptist reached out and Dick Heiman & Lisa Striebing attended Sunday service
- Rev Carol Moore & Pastor Andy spoke at service
- Interfaith meeting / vigil held last Monday in East Palo Alto (dozen different ministers)
- A number of PMC members attended.
- Police Chief of Menlo Park attended (police feel very threatened).
- PMC board has not met regarding this issue.
- Maybe ask Susan Manheimer to get involved.
- Judy Maller thinks that this is more of a PMC issue and not an IFC issue.
- Joanne agreed and suggested some sort of panel discussion.
- Michele thinks that inviting Trinity Baptist and Pacifica to Succoth will help a little in this regard.
- Rick said that timeliness in this issue is of the essence and have a program that provides community leadership.
- PMC should contact Susan Manheimer and may even have an existing presentation.
- Dick gave an update on MLK day planning and everything is proceeding on schedule.
- Send \$10 for Rabbi Eisner – Judy Maller has sent out an email

Next meeting is the 7th or 8th of September.

Also a Succoth planning meeting will be announced soon.