

## IFC meeting of August 18<sup>th</sup>

### Attended:

- Dick Heiman, Judy Maller, Judy Miller, Joel Miller, Judy Bloom Michele Epstein, Rabbi Callie Schulman, Florence Snyder, & Carol Kadet

### Introductions all around

#### MLK Jr. Day of Service and Peninsula Multifaith Coalition update

- Dick had lunch with Jim Sell (St. Bart's).
- Jim has really helped with PMC and helped with breakfast for MLK Day and was able to nail down Serra HS for one large breakfast.
- Deacon John had a pacemaker installed yesterday.
- Multifaith members discussing their faith are now posted in streaming video format on the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition (PMC) website and might be of interest to PTBE.
- Go to <http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org/multifaith-education-1/> for videos
- PMC has geared up for MLK Day of service and will send out early reminders to PTBE and expanding the reading activities at 3 schools.
- Parent and child and volunteers will work together and eat together.
- Praying together was suggested as a possibility to pray together as a PMC event in May 2016..
- Rabbi Callie has agreed to be in this group.
- No PMC Labor Day picnic but a thank you picnic/barbque event was held at Karen W's house.

#### Succoth Event at PTBE on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

- This event will be held inside a Sukkah structure
- Guests at Succoth: Pacifica Institute, College Heights United Church of Christ, Congregational Church of Belmont, PTBE, Congregational Church of San Mateo
- Potluck at 5pm
- Bounty and sharing are the key topics
- Short prayer from Rabbi Callie and ask Rev. Penny to say a prayer
- Fatih and Rev. Kristi and new pastor to speak after dinner.
- Rabbi Callie will talk about the Sukkoth symbols and explain.
- Arleigh sent a fact sheet to Judy Bloom and Rabbi Callie and this will be finalized prior to the event
- Food is vegetarian lasagna plus assorted side dishes.
- Judy Bloom has a couple of good vegetarian recipes and can share these.
- Asking IFC committee members to supply vegetarian lasagna.
- Each IFC member should make lasagna to serve 10 or so.
- Carol K and Judy Bloom will make gluten free lasagna.
- Decorations: Judy Bloom will put out a call and drop off cards, decorations.
- La Shana Tova cards could also be used.
- Rabbi Callie will also ask at clergy meeting.
- Hangs gourds possibly?
- Judy Maller will supply leaves, etc.
- Michele will send out request to IFC members for volunteers.
- Sukkoth will be put up shortly after Yom Kippur. (Probably Friday before).
- Michele to send a request to Joel for volunteers
- Table should be identified by food type such as main course, side dish, salad & dessert
- Make sure that there are enough tables.
- Judy Bloom will be available to answer questions from signups

### **Another IFC Partner**

- Judy Bloom worked with Rabbi Doug Kahn of JCRC and asked Monsignor John Talesfore from St. Matthew Catholic Church in San Mateo
- This would be a great partner for the IFC and they have a large number of Latinos.
- Judy Maller and Florence Snyder and Judy Miller will work with Judy Bloom. to contact the Monsignor

### **Social Action and Upcoming Events.**

- Rabbi Callie talked about a possibility of starting a social action component of the IFC with African American faith houses.
- Judy Bloom shared a JCRC survey that showed most African Americans support the BDS movement, so there is work to be done.
- St. Paul's invitation for a visit for IFC to go there for services probably on October 25th or November 1st, 8th or 15th.
- Carol talked about event with BEW and women from the Pacifica Institute.
- Carol has a meeting with BEW to discuss these ideas.
- Cooking, flower arranging, crafts, etc are possible activities.
- Probably after the 1st of 2016 on a Sunday afternoon
- Michele will send an email to Deanna to possibly get ball rolling.
- Dick suggested a relationship with the women from a local mosque in San Mateo.
- Michele will ask Deanna about relationship with Pacifica and local mosque in San Mateo.
- Pulpit exchange - Rabbi Callie is contacting several faith houses about this.

### **Peace Village**

- Winter camp this year held on Dec 28th - 31st.
- Raj is doing the administration including online registration and working on scheduling issues.
- Program of activities is up in the air.
- PTBE day will be the 29th on a Tuesday.
- 7 - 13 year olds learn about each other & how to get along by peacefully solving problems..
- Run completely by teen leaders and runs from 9AM - 3PM.
- CCSM, Muslim Children's Garden School and PTBE are participants
- \$300 per child.
- Some scholarship money may be available.

### **Other**

- Judy Maller to work on a list of IFC faith house partners
- Carol suggests some sort of pulpit exchange on a weekend such as PTBE on Friday and there on Sunday.

### **Next meeting**

- On October 18th.
- Rabbi Callie has confirmed afternoon availability at PTBE