

## IFC meeting of August 19<sup>th</sup> at PTBE – Meeting Started at 6:30PM

**Attended:** Joel & Judy Miller; Joyce Share; Dick Heiman; Arleigh Grossman; Judy Maller; Michele Epstein; Nicole Sorger

**Introductions** all around and IFC background for Nicole (new member)

- Dick explained about the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition and talked about how new faith houses were invited to Labor Day picnic - Hindu group and new Buddhist group
- Dick asked Nicole to help IFC to sort of get Yaseen group in Belmont and/or other Muslim groups involved. Nicole has a middle eastern educational background
- Dick talked about the picnic and promoting it.

**Peace village:**

- Judy Maller thanked everyone as it was a big success.
- Kids loved it.
- Good turnout of kids and hope to get more next year including more Muslim kids.
- Rabbi Callie and Rev. Laura did a great job.

**Iftar event:**

- \* Fatah's call to prayer was very soulful.
- Great turnout but the majority was from Jewish congregations.
- Final count was about 180.
- Deanna did a great job.
- The Pacifica RSVP system failed somewhat as a number of people didn't get signed up and name tags were not alphabetized.
- Conversations at tables were very positive.
- Introductions to new faith houses were made.
- Should have assigned a cleanup team.

**Sukkoth event:**

- Michele & Dick met with Rabbi Callie last week to talk about the Sukkoth event.
- Another Sukkoth meeting for Sukkoth group
  - on Wednesday 8/27 – 9:00 to 10:30 AM with Judy Maller, Michele, Katie, Rabbi Callie, Dick, Blair (Arleigh on vacation)
- Improve actual Sukkoth with open netting to hang items.
- Maybe kids could decorate.
- Meeting will discuss physical logistics.
- Invitees are St. Andrews, Pacifica group, Zion AME and PMC committee
- Invitations / Flyers will be sent soon.
- Judy Maller suggested that the temple provide the main course and everyone else could bring side dishes or desserts. Suggest that Nathan Schmidt provide entrees.
- Dick will sit down with Blair to discuss financing.
- Signup genius would be good for RSVP system.
- Michele will talk with Rabbi Callie and Anita (in Temple office) to help with flyer design.
- Arleigh will create a small handout with Rabbi's approval to hand out.
- Greeters and check ins needs to be established.
- Suggestion was also made to actually hand flyers out to individual faith house leaders.
- Dick estimated that 130 may attend.
- Dick asked Blair to see how the temple can accommodate this group.
- Judy Miller said that we can't always measure events by numbers but instead by quality.
- Dick said that we really need to limit the group.
- Arleigh suggested everyone bring a canned item for Second Harvest.

**MLK Day of Service in 2015**

- May have 500 people.
- We will need twice as many project leaders.
- We'll be in 3 different schools with multiple projects at each.

- Trying to get Notre Dame in Belmont to commit for breakfast
- Dick and Deanna & Deacon John meet with Notre Dame on 8/28 to resolve.

#### **Donations to IFC**

- Maybe some wording like: "If you appreciate the work of the IFC committee, donations are welcome and we thank you for your past contributions" could be put in the Kolenu.
- Perhaps, we could put a message to this effect on our IFC communication?

#### **Ruth Messinger**

- is going to talk about Interfaith at CCSM on 12/6 at CCSM
- Rabbi Callie wants to have some music and have music from other faith houses.
- Rabbi Callie has taken the lead.
- What about food?
- Who will do the invites?

#### **Hope and Home**

- walk is coming up on Sept. 14th
- Home and Hope is having their Thanksgiving Event at PTBE.

**Next meeting** is October 7th.