

IFC notes March 19, 2014

Attending: Rabbi Callie, Michele Epstein, Dick Heiman, Judy Miller, Joel Miller, Florence Beier, Rolf Beier, Arleigh Grossman, Judy Fisher, Joann Aviel, Davida Talcove, Jennifer Benelli, Judy Maller, & Rob Vernon.

Introductions and announcement: Michele is now part of the leadership team of the IFC

A visioning process: introduction by Rabbi Callie

- Need to create a vision with some big ideas
- Everyone was asked to write down why they are here working with IFC and what they want to see the IFC do or accomplish.
- Each person then said what they had written and the notes were posted on the board.

Recap of visioning process – Rabbi Callie

WHY:

- Build a more peaceful world
- Make friends for the Jewish people
- Create a model of hope for the real world
- Protect our children and protect Israel
- Interfaith communication and education.
- Promote understanding of what we have in common and an opportunity to learn share my faith
- Community & relationships, education, protection, peace, interfaith family are the major categories
- Make friends in the temple and connect in a Jewish way by participating in the IFC

WHAT:

- Outreach to those who aren't currently involved
- Cook foods and sing songs of other faiths
- Educate and communicate among other faiths
- Promote understanding and differences among other faiths
- Work together to improve local and global communities
- Deepen existing relations with other faith houses
- Grow new partnerships
- Do projects to help our community
- Encourage and foster tolerance of other faiths
- Evaluate previous interfaith projects
- Strengthen relationships with other faith houses
- Learn from one another
- Do fun projects such as music.
- Provide multigenerational opportunities
- Involve other PTBE organizations
- Emphasize the Jewish context in our work

Major Categories Identified:

- Relationship building and partnerships
- Outreach
- Engagement
- Israel
- Education (for the sake of understanding)
- Community service

Big ideas: *Vision*

- Relationship building should come first
- Keep it fun - energy
- Maintain ongoing programs
- Education
- Make a meaningful experience for our members

Other Items and Misc:

- Make friends and build relationships with key members of other faiths with lunches and coffee by Rabbi Callie and IFC members
- Israel discussion may or may not be separate with IFC. Work with JCRC as our lead,
- Rethink liaisons with other faith houses
- Consider leveraging Home and Hope for IFC new relationships
- Clergy and lay leaders work hand-in-hand
- Possible music event with CCSM and St. James AME
- Calendar of events – See PTBE/IFC website for details
 1. UU group is coming here to PTBE on April 4th - 5 families are coming
 2. May 4th: Rabbi Callie is preaching at UCC in College Heights
 3. Freedom Seder on March 23rd
 4. May 1st IFC/Brotherhood/Mormon event with Steve Young
 5. Peace Village (date?)

Dick also explained the three circles of our IFC interface

- Peninsula Multi Faith Coalition circle
- IFC circle
- Rev Kristi's faith leaders circle

Next meeting April 24th. 6:30 PM at PTBE