

IFC Meeting Notes for July 9th at PTBE

Attended: Florence Beier, Judy Miller, Joel Miller, Rolf Beier, Judy Bloom, Dick Heiman, Arleigh Grossman, Joyce Share, Michelle Epstein, Hilde Gattman, Joann Aviel, Ramona Raybin

Light of Torah award and thanks to our founding members

- Dick said that a plaque and meeting with the Rabbi will follow.
- He also talked about how valued our group is and are in the forefront of interfaith throughout the state /country.
- Judy M asked that we really get specific about assigning a Rabbi to work with our group.
- Dick suggested a written document and request to Rabbi Dennis about what our expectations are and what we expect.

Sikhs on August 9

- Sikhs to come to PTBE Shabbat Services on August 9th – bringing about 14 people
- IFC volunteers to meet and greet: Florence, Rolf, Dick, Judy , Joel Joann, Arleigh
- Suggested vegetarian meal for light supper – who can cater or how much budget? Aram's sandwiches, etc. from Costco?
- Budget in previous years was \$1200 – \$1600
- IFC budget has been approved for \$2000 starting July 1st, 2013
- Sikhs would come about 5:30 for light vegetarian dinner.
- Arleigh could give a run down on the service.
- Meet and greet at the dinner then ask Rabbi to stay after if possible to answer questions
- Florence and/or Dick to send email asking rabbi.
- Also ask Blair to be there.
- Also ask Rabbi to open torah after service and before Oneg.
- Ramona suggested that if a new Rabbi is assigned to the Sikhs, we should help with some notes and/or structure for the meeting.
- Really encourage interactive dialog from Sikh's
- This could work as a generic template for other faiths

Shinnyo-en USA Head Temple is hosting a Service Day from 10:30 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, July 13th

- Group agreed that we would not participate this time and wait until next one.

Exchange with St James AME Church

- Possibility was on August 16th? For them to be here 12 people (similar to Sikhs event).
- Maybe October would work better as Sikh event was previous week
- Judy B will check with Cindi for dates in October

Iftar on July 16

- No one in group planned on attending (possibly Rolf?).

Visit to CCSM – August 11 -

- We would go to CCSM on Aug 11th.
- Starts with service at 10:30 followed by lunch.
- Who is probably going - Dick, Siva, Ramona, Beiers, Millers, Arleigh, Hilde, Joyce
- Also we will send out a reminder for the CCSM event to those who showed interest

Beresford Multifaith Family Gathering – August 25

- Detail lunch meeting today went very well and a lot was accomplished.
- Pacifica is coming to do cooking demos' and daughters are coming in costume and dance?
- Rev Kristi is going to MC a number of games.
- Dick talked about how successful last year's event was.
- Large turnout from PTBE
- He suggested that each of us reach out to others at PTBE to attend this event.
- Make sure that event is announced at PTBE Shabbat services.
- Also reach out to Phil Strause to push this with the board, etc.

Book drive for ING and event 10/6 – Karen Stiller

- Book drive – Lisa S will keep books at her place prior to distribution.
- A further announcement on books is forthcoming from Karen Stiller.

MLK Day – Report about Lomita Park - Florence

- no discussion as it is long way off

Exchange with St. Bart's – Dick, Judy Miller

- Judy M and Dick met about a month ago with Deacon John and Barbara regarding their service day on June 29th.
- Decided that IFC was just not ready to participate.
- 2nd topic was: Home and Away. They come here to PTBE for dinner and service and vice versa.
- Sukkoth idea would be a big winner to get St. Barts more involved...
- Joyce said that family type events really bring out more participants. Sukkoth event would probably be better if it was completely separate.
- Sept 25th would be a Sukkoth night. Get kids from PTBE (Wed Night) and make announcement on Wed nights.
- Judy M and Dick will contact Rabbi Dennis and Cindi to reserve the 25th of September.
- Potluck or not?

New possibilities: Mormons in Foster City or other Foster City congregations; St. Luke; Central Peninsula Church; Tah the Taoist Temple; St. Ambrose Episcopal: Grace Gospel Christian Church

New local “friends.” : Unitarian/Universalist; St. Mathews Episcopalian, St. Mathew Catholic

- Foster City Mormons would enjoy coming to PTBE again.
- Reach out to St.Mathews Episcopal Church?

Other topics and action items

- Dick and Judy Bloom talked about a trip with JCRC to Fruitvale facility in the East Bay and how they were able to get some fantastic baked goods from a local bakery.
- This could evolve into a bay area interfaith event
- Maybe Dick and Florence and Judy M could meet with Rabbi Dennis to discuss all items. Florence to draft email regarding this.
- Multifaith weekend with other speakers? Group agreed that this was just too much for IFC to handle.
- Maybe JCRC could run event and PTBE possibly host?

Next meeting – August 12th

