**Sonoma Valley Interfaith Ministerial Association**

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Wednesday, December 12, 2018

First Congregational Church of Sonoma

**Present:** Steve Finley, Donna Thomas, Dawne Carver for Rich Gantenbein, Curran Reichert, Jim Thomas, John Bonnoitt (St. Francis Solano), Peadar Dalton, Susie Perry, Manette Fairmont, Kathryn Stark.

**Guests:** No Guests

**Welcome and Call to Order -** Steve offered a blessing of thanks for the opportunity to serve and meet the needs of the community and the individuals within it. Peadar reminds us that “Birth” happens all around us in everyday events and conversations giving us a sense of oneness. Manette suggests in this season of forgiveness we remember to forgive ourselves as well.

**Thanksgiving Review -** Those who attended loved it! Beautiful chapel and successful service. Due to the traveling and busyness of Thanksgiving day, it is suggested we consider having the service on the Wednesday Thanksgiving eve, 6:30/7:30pm as other interfaith communities do. Manette will offer suggestions from the Gratitude services they have weekly. Next year’s service will be here in Burlingame Hall.

**Checking In With Non Profits** -

* F.I.S.H. - Their busy season, please reach out to see what they need [here](http://www.friendsinsonomahelping.org).
* City Council - Peader reports that Amy Harrington is our new Mayor, and Logan Harvey the new Vice Mayor, and they, along with Rachel Hundley, will be focusing on housing, a dispensary and fair wages for Sonoma Valley workers. We should invite the new Mayor as a guest this year. For more info. check [here](https://www.sonomacity.org/departments/city-council/)
* Police Dept. - Chief Rodriguez will be a guest at our January 23rd meeting.
* S.O.S. - There are ongoing needs, especially winter clothes, please reach out directly to them in order to help provide. Find them [here](http://www.sonomaovernightsupport.org).

**Guests for 2019 -** We currently have scheduled: January/Police Chief Rodriguez, February/School District Superintendent Socorro Shiels (who asked to return), March/F.I.S.H. Sandy Piotter. Suggestions: Mayor Harrington, Kelsey Maddox/Program Director of Vintage House to discuss new housing program for matching seniors who may be interested in living together, Robert Smith/Sonoma Valley Youth and Family Services Program coordinator, someone from the Earle Baum Center for the Blind in Santa Rosa, other Interfaith Ministerial groups to gather additional service ideas, someone to discuss the End of Life Option Act and right to die, death and dying and how to better support it.

**Sharing of Community Activities -**

* Sonoma Valley Community Church will be doing some Christmas Caroling, call 938-8100 for more info.
* St. Francis Church will be having their community Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day, 11:30pm hymns, 12am services. There will be brass music and a choir. All of the community is invited.
* St. Andrew has Live Nativity scenes on Christmas Eve, 3:00pm, 4:30pm and 6:00pm with the first two being more family focused and the third offering communion. See event page [here](https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/57645017).
* Trinity Episcopal is offering Christmas Eve services at 10:30pm and Christmas Day services at 9:00am. See their calendar [here](https://57653121.view-events.com/calendar/57653121/).
* First Congregational Church is having a Winter Solstice Celebration beginning with a Taize Service at 5:30 and Labyrinth Walk beginning at 6:00pm. See their calendar [here](https://sonomaucc.org/events/calendar/) or ours [here](https://www.sonomavalleyinterfaithma.org/news-events).

**Things to consider -**

* John Bonnoit would like some of his adult learning members to attend Shir Shalom services or have Rabbi Steve speak.
* Please email your community events to Tricia to add to our website or put your office managers in touch with her at the email on the top of this page.
* Peadar suggests our group think about being in the 4th of July parade, let’s discuss.
* Please email us any suggestions for guests at our meetings this year.

**Things to consider from last meeting -**

* Invite Kathy King to one of your services, gatherings or speaking events to discuss S.O.S. and their upcoming needs.
* Invite Kathey King to the radio show to discuss opening of the Winter Shelter.
* Invite Susan Murray and/or Bonnie Joy Kaslan to one of your services or events.
* Let’s discuss offering drop-in prayer services/stations at public places or after the 4:00pm Prayer Fridays or at our chapels/sanctuaries. Suggestions?

**Closing -** Peadar closed with a prayer.

**Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 23rd, 12:15pm sharp - Please send a representative if you are unable to attend.**

**Meeting Adjourned - 1:35pm**