

Sonoma Valley Interfaith
Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021 / 12 pm–1 pm

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Present: Steve Finley, Nicole Trotter, Scott Pryor, Curran Reichert, Marie Wilson Johnson, and Ryan Rindels.

12:00 pm

- **Welcome/Opening Blessing - Steve, Proverbs 17-9**
- **Non Profits Check-in and Updates.**

S.O.S. - Rabbi Steve, looking to have someone be the liaison for this group. Possible Marie.

Sonoma County Interfaith - Scott Pryor will attend and report if topics are relevant for our group.

Sustainable Sonoma - Curran reports they have changed their name to *Sonoma Coalition* to focus on the most urgent issue which is affordable housing. Curran will follow up.

- Marie reports that the Methodist church is supporting Comida Para Todos/ Food For All by having them use their Fellowship room for bag assembly every other week. They have added hygiene products as well as pet food and supplies as well.
- Curran reported that the “Breathe” event was successful in getting the city to include faith leaders as part of the City resources.
- Ryan reports the the Baptist church is supporting S.O.S. and F.I.S.H. as offers their space for Boy/Girl Scout meetings as well as the Mentoring Alliance.

Re-opening discussion:

- Methodist Church is doing hybrid version with approx. 30 in person attendance following protocol set by County. She offers that there will be members who want to push for more in person events and it will be a balancing act to keep moving forward while being cautious.
- Presbyterian Church has been having in-person since Easter with open doors and windows and other protocol. They have about 170 in attendance give or take weekly. Nicole reports emails will come from both sides of the Covid spectrum, questions and complaints. She suggests that to take pressure off of you personally for decision making you can refer folks to the County guidelines and protocol.
- Shir Shalom is being cautious with a large portion of Seniors in the congregation and continuing to do virtual services. Steve reports that their Board VP is in charge of protocol and follows County guidelines which takes responsibility of addressing questions and complaints off him so he can focus on services.

If you have anything you would like to share, suggest or contribute to the topic of re-opening that might add insight or be of help for the group please email Steve or Tricia.

12:30 pm

- **Guest: John Gurney, Measure F**

Over the past years our hospital has struggled with financial stability. Philanthropy has provided support for the ER, imaging center and more. A few years ago a parcel tax of \$250 per parcel was passed to support daily operations of the hospital. This year the parcel tax is up for review in hopes of passing it for another 10 years. The intent is not to raise the tax but continue it.

Our hospital is vital for our community. No-one who needs emergency services is turned away, including Kaiser patients who would otherwise go out of town to a Kaiser ER. The new CEO has a vision for the hospital and

for it in our community. We need to continue to support this vital service for all who live in Sonoma Valley. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

How can we help?

Please help spread the word that this is not a measure to increase the tax but to continue it so we can keep our hospital running and available in our community. John can provide English and/or Spanish lawn signs if you want. You can reach out to him about these or other information on the measure at jpgvineyards@sbcglobal.net

Other information:

- Shir Shalom has a couple of members who would like to donate funding to the interfaith group for one or two programs surrounding the topic of interfaith. Curran suggested a candle with a faith message could be put in the non-profit food bags, along that line our guest, John Gurney, suggested something that could be added to the Thanksgiving meals that are going to be passed out at the Community Center this year, they expect a large showing of folks in need. Suggestions for other program ideas in the community can be emailed to Steve.
 - Sunday, November 28th is the 1st night of Hanukkah and the Community Menorah lighting at approx. 4:30pm, you are all invited and encouraged to attend. More details to come.
 - Annual Community Thanksgiving Service, pre-recorded again this year and will be available the evening before Thanksgiving. Nicole will be giving the main sermon but if everyone can be thinking of a prayer, song or other message we will collect the videos. Nicole suggests we gather from congregations messages of hope or what they are thankful for to be read by two of our members or guests.
 - We are still doing the Tuesday radio show. If you are not in the rotation, please consider adding your name, it is 20 minutes and you can call in to discuss happenings in our group and your church or faith community.
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- **Next meeting is Wednesday, October 27th, guest will be La Luz Education and Sunrise Rotary.**

- **KSVY - Please mark your date on your calendar.**

Due to Covid-19 no one is coming into the studio. The call in number is 933-9133. Or, you can zoom in as well. The information is on their website www.ksvy.org

Sep. 28	Jim Thomas	707-933-6514
Oct. 5	Peadar Dalton	707-939-7613
October 12	Nicole Trotter	707-996-6024
October 19	Steve Finley	818-207-1757
October 26	Marie Wilson-Johnson	707-996-2151