**Sonoma Valley Ministerial Association**

**Wednesday January 24, 2018 – 12:15pm - First Congregational Church of Sonoma**

**MINUTES – Minutes- MINUTES**

In Attendance: Matthew Pearson, David Irvine, Peadar Dalton, Art T. Matheny, Manette Fairmont, Donna Thomas, Nick Dalton, Larry Frakes, Noelani Sheckler-Smith, Steve Finley

**Welcome and call to order** - Steve Finley, The meeting was called to order at 12:15pm

**Opening Devotion –** Peadar Dalton offered a devotion

**Check-In With area non-profits and agencies**

FISH

* Surplus of fire donations are being stored, sorted and distributed from Stave’s barn
* FISH and LaLuz are still distributing donations (SVIMA members are encouraged to link folks who are in need of recovery from wildfires with these organizations)
* More information about FISH’s programs can be found here <http://www.friendsinsonomahelping.org/page16.html>
* The students of Hanna Boy’s Center are always looking for volunteer opportunities – FISH may be a good match

City Council

* at the start of City Council meetings folks are invited to speak for 2 minutes (open mic)
* SVIMA members are encouraged to attend City Council meetings
* Current Topics: Affordable housing issues, Medical/Recreational Cannabis, moratorium on new Wine Tasting Rooms
* Upcoming Topics: Discussion of living wage in Sonoma
* Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month

Sonoma Valley Chorale

* “Sonoma Strong Concert” Saturday March 3 at 3pm at Hannah Boy’s Center … A celebration of community Donations to benefit FISH
* 7 Sonoma Valley music groups to perform

Hannah Boys’ Center

* Feb 26 and 27 Laura Porter to present seminar. Nick will email more information

If you SVIMA members are not able to be present at our meeting please send a report regarding the non-profit you are assigned as liaison to

We need someone who can connect SVIMA with the Community Health Center

**Guest Speaker** –Manar Azreik – <https://www.wholisticsolutions.org/> and <http://transformationbyfire.org/>

seeking to offer a healing response to the the valley fire – holistic modalities and emotional processing

Financial Support is needed to offer service to those recovering from Valley Fire

Retreat options are available for small groups

**Ecumenical Good Friday Service**

Friday March 30, 2018 at 12:15pm at Community Church on Chase St./ Matt Pearson preaching

**Interfaith Passover**

March 30th 6:30 pm the community is invited to Burlingame Hall at 6:30pm to celebrate the first night of Passover

**SIT update**

Sonoma Index Tribune will no longer be running articles from SVIMA

The group was very upset by this - SVIMA has been contbiuting weekly refelction to SIT for16+ years

Peadar will reach out SIT for further explanation

Peadar, Art, Larry, Donna and Matt would be interested in meeting with SIT about this issue

Once Noelani has finished her work with SDC she begins her next chapter – ministering with veterans.