

Sonoma Valley Interfaith Ministerial Association

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Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 12pm - 1pm

Zoom Meeting

Present: Steve Finley, Jim Thomas, Curran Reichert, Manette Fairmont, Peadar Dalton, Donna Thomas, Scott Pryor, Kathryn Stark, Marie Wilson Johnson, and Nicole Trotter.

Welcome and Call to Order - Donna opens with a prayer reading from Mr. Hubbard. The group welcomes Nicole Trotter from St. Andrew, you can read more about her [here](#).

Non-profits check-in -

- Curran reports [Sustainable Sonoma](#) is currently working on housing issues, more to come.
- Scott suggests that the Boys and Girls Club could be added to our check-in reports. And Scott reports that the Church of the Nazarene is continuing to host two SVUSD learning pods on their campus. Please reach out to the school district if you have an indoor space to offer during the day to host a learning pod.
- Mayor Harvey reports that the [Sonoma Valley Catalyst Fund](#) has purchased laptops for the Mentoring Alliance in order for mentors to connect with their mentees, helped to provide \$100,000 in Sonoma Valley small business loans, purchased refrigerators for S.O.S. who have been feeding the homeless, and connected with [Petaluma People Services Center](#) for help with eviction negotiations.
- Mayor Harvey reports that [F.I.S.H.](#) and [Food For All -Comida Para Todos](#) are in urgent need of folks who can help them develop intake forms and who might be experienced with web development. Please share this need with your communities and circles. For F.I.S.H. please email Sandy Piotter at sonomafish@gmail.com. For Food For All please email sfrfund@gmail.com. If you have any members looking to donate their stimulus payments, Food For All would be a great option.

Guest - Mayor Logan Harvey. The city has been busy responding to the Covid situation these past months by focusing on rental assistance and food security. These efforts continue with the addition of preparations for vaccinations. Current vaccinations for frontline, healthcare and emergency workers as well as long-term care residents have been underway. Vaccine sites and mobile units are being organized. A Vaccine Task Force is starting up to help with outreach and education about getting the vaccine. Please share this sign up link for Covid vaccinations for ages 65+: <https://myoptumserve.com/covid19>. To see the California State vaccination plan visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>. The Latino population in our valley has been the most impacted by the Covid situation, especially those living in clustered housing. The [CURA Project](#) was created to provide outreach services and support and has been successful.

Aside from Covid response the most urgent need in our valley is for affordable housing. Increasing needs for low income senior and family housing as well as shelter for the homeless are pressing. The biggest barrier is land, affordable land. Are there any churches willing to start a conversion to explore available land that can be used for housing? Please reach out to the mayor if you have ideas or can offer suggestions - Mayor Logan Harvey 707-347-6496. There are many factors involved in developments with affordable units. Currently, new developments are required to offer 20% of their units as affordable housing units. Getting community approval seems like a hard fight with issues like traffic increase amongst one of the concerns. Housing is an ongoing urgent need and is increasing each year.

Other information -

- We are looking for any of our members to be a liaison for a coupe local non-profits. Please reach out to Steve if you can help at rabbisteve.shirshalom@gmail.com
- Thank you for sending in your \$25 annual dues for our group. If you still need to send a check it can be mailed to Rabbi Steve at 252 W. Spain St., Sonoma. Make your check out to SVMA (no "I").
- Care Partners is still looking for indoor spaces not used during the day where they can provide their day program (once gathering is allowed again). And, if you have members who wish to volunteer to help with this program training will be provided. An information document is attached separately.

Scott Pryor closes with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned 1:10pm

KSVY has a two hour Morning Show each day from 8-10 am. The Interfaith guest spot is on Tuesdays at 9:00 am and lasts for about 20 minutes, give or take.

Members' topics should be as inclusive as possible and please make sure to talk about your institution as well as our interfaith group.

Email your topics/talking points in advance to the host, Pat Carlin, at pcarlin53@gmail.com. During Covid-19 no one is coming into the studio. The call in number is 933-9133

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Feb. 2	Dave Gould	209-485-3027
Feb. 9	Scott Pryor	831-747-0139
Feb. 16	Jim Thomas	707-933-6514
Feb. 23	Peadar Dalton	707-939-7613
Feb. 30	Nicole Trotter	707 996-6024