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Thank you for considering membership! Please retain page 1 for your records.

Information for Prospective Member Organizations

The Peace Coalition of Monterey County (PCMC) is an alliance of diverse community organizations sharing a commitment to peace and non-violent solutions to world crises. The members of PCMC are organizations, not individuals, although non-affiliated individuals are welcome to participate and volunteer in PCMC activities or serve as officers and sub-committee members. PCMC promotes collaborative approaches to peace-related issues, recognizing that our member organizations may not always share other concerns or agree on all issues.

Statement of Purpose

To bring together Monterey County organizations and individuals dedicated to peace to promote non-violent solutions to world conflicts and promote long-range policies for a just and peaceful world. Toward this end PCMC shall:

- Explore the social and economic conditions that lead to conflict or follow it
- Maintain public visibility through vigils, demonstrations, advertisements, articles, letters, and media coverage
- Provide educational outreach by disseminating information to the community, individuals, and organizations
- Communicate our point of view to the President, Congress, United Nations, state and local representatives
- Advocate for issues and policy positions, not endorse nor support candidates or parties.
- Conduct all actions in a non-violent manner

The Coalition is Non-Partisan

Since members of PCMC may be affiliates of tax-exempt corporations prohibited from advocating for or against candidates for office or political parties, PCMC does not take positions on candidates or political parties. Member organizations may do so, however, as long as they do not use the name of PCMC in related activities or endorsements.

Coalition Positions Are Not Binding on Member Organizations

When PCMC takes a position on a public policy issue, that position is not binding on any member organization.

The Steering Committee

As of August 2004, the decision-making body of PCMC is its Steering Committee. Each active member organization, and each active PCMC committee, is asked to name one representative and one alternate to serve on the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee makes decisions concerning PCMC activities, positions on public policy issues, raising and spending funds, admission of new member organizations, etc. The Steering Committee also selects PCMC officers. The Steering Committee meets every other month, more or less often as appropriate.

Organizations Interested in Joining the Coalition

Monterey County organizations committed to peace can use page two to apply for membership in PCMC. The decision to apply, and the completed application form, should be approved by the applicant's board of directors or other decision-making body. The applicant will be asked to name a representative and an alternate who will attend PCMC Steering Committee meetings. All PCMC member organizations contribute annual dues to support PCMC. These should be received each year by April 30th. \$40.00-\$100.00 is suggested.

For more information on the application process contact: PCMC Co-Chair Karen Araujo (karaujo93901@gmail.com, 831-601-4564) or Co-Chair Tom Lee (tomlee@redshift.com, 831-394-6470).

Completed applications should be copied to both Co-Chairs at the above email addresses OR if you are unable to do that, please mail via US Post to PCMC Co-Chairs, 1364 Fremont Blvd., Seaside, CA 93955

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Organization's Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City/Zip _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Principal Officer's name/title: _____

Contact person for application process: _____

Title/role in Organization: (member, President, Committee Chair, etc.) _____

Contact person's email: _____ Telephone: _____

I.) Determining eligibility for active membership

a) Note the number of current members residing in Monterey County? _____ (Minimum of five required to qualify)

b) Provide the name/email/phone for the representative who will attend most PCMC Steering Committee meetings.

c) What type of formal structure does your organization use for making decisions? (board of directors, executive committee, officers, etc.) _____

d) Do you have at least two meetings/activities per year? YES NO Number of annual events _____

e) What is your Mission Statement? (Attach an additional page, please)

NOTE: If your organization does not meet the requirements for active membership, it is possible to apply for inactive status. If you would like to apply for inactive status, please explain why on an additional page.

II.) Making the connection

Explain how your organization's purpose fits the mission of PCMC (Statement of Purpose on information page).

III.) Supporting materials

Please attach any materials that help explain the purpose/intent of your organization. (Brochures, leaflets, event flyers, press releasing, media clippings). Also include information for an alternate representative, if you have such a person now.

IV.) Has your organization's decision-making group reviewed the Information for Prospective Member Organizations, approved submission of this application, and decided on the amount of dues it will contribute?

YES NO Comments _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Printed name _____ Title _____

As of July 2015, Steering Committee meetings are every other month on second Sundays in January, March, May, July, September, and November from 2pm to 4pm at the Monterey Peace & Justice Center in Seaside.

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