

Attendance

- Steering Committee: Josh Klein, Shira Margol, Naomi Michaelis, Jon Dine
- Immediate Past Steering Committee Members: Natalie Lascar, Nicki Bodner
- Hospitality: Kaylin Bugos
- Special Events: Josh Nason
- Chinuch: Laura Yares
- Community Relations: Zach Stern
- Gabbai: Rebecca Gerr
- Finance: Aaron Malinoff

Absent

- Kids and Parents: Dari Pogach

2 Minute Updates

- Hospitality (Kaylin Bugos):
 - The LC should sign up to host new members for a shabbat meal.
- Steering Committee (Naomi):
 - Reimbursements will be processed on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- Special Events (Josh Nason)
 - At the SC luncheon the plan is that we will invite everyone to stay for the cocktail hour, and ask people to leave who are not signed up during transition from cocktail hour to lunch.
 - Kids buffet upstairs
 - Nametags will be distributed during cocktail hour
- Steering Committee (Jon):
 - Will start a list of those who have not paid membership dues yet. Natalie will forward Jon wording.
- Chinuch (Laura):
 - The latest Lunch and Learn (Deli) was well attended and received.
- Past Steering Committee (Nicki Bodner)
 - The 10 and 10 committee met, and they will have another meeting Feb 9th.
- Gabbai (Rebecca)
 - Update on Gabbai Committee personnel..
 - We have been doing Mincha after most lunch and learns. Do we want to keep doing it?
- No Report:
 - Steering Committee (Josh Klein and Shira Margol), Community Relations (Zach Stern), Immediate Past Steering Committee (Natalie Lascar)

Update on Babysitting / Insurance (Shira and Josh)

- We are updating our policies / procedures for child care
 - a. Letter was sent to parents on 1/30 updating on our babysitters (CPR and first aid). Background checks will be requested from Florinda and main babysitters, but not everyone.

- b. Florinda is CPR certified
- c. We are examining our current insurance to make sure we have all the necessary coverage.
 - An insurance broker looked at our current insurance and recommended other insurance that we might need.
 - We are looking within the community for members with expertise to help guide our decisions.

Purim / 15th anniversary celebration (Shira)

- We will be having a Purim / Happy Bday DC Minyan carnival type thing with beer, wine, cotton candy, popcorn and more.
- Separate kids Purim reading earlier in the community hall
- Purim Coordinator: Mark Nathanson and Lindsay Goldman
- Kids Purim coordinator: Yael Hartmann

Shavuot (Jon and Laura)

- Scholar in Residence
 - Attendance at scholar's programs and at the tikkun are not at the levels that we would expect. However, the participant survey from last year indicated that people do value the scholar in residence being present.
 - While there's an excitement for learning within the community, we can't necessarily afford the time of those who are doing more innovative Jewish learning (drama, music, etc.)
 - Need to set expectations for the scholar. Being creative with the kinds of programming we want to offer.
 - We have a lot of expertise in our community that we could draw on in lieu of a scholar in residence (and perhaps pay a member of the community to put significant time and effort into it).
 - We should also be careful about using this year as a test case for the retreat(2 days, middle of the week) since the majority of retreats in the next 4-5 years will be 3 day weekend retreats.

Ten and Ten Update (Jon)

- There will be a community meeting discussing updating/changing the 10 and 10 policy in late March.
- The timeframe/goal is to be done by Rosh Hashana.

DC Minyan Public Statements Discussion and Conclusion (Shira and Josh)

- Should DC Minyan be involved in political issues if so when would we react and in what fashion?
 - Questions included: Who is the LC to be the arbiters of which issues are important enough to put out a statement and which do not merit a statement? How do we decide when to do it?

- Great concern was expressed of the slippery slope that would occur if we were to set a precedent today by releasing a statement
- A counter argument was provided that current events (immigration Executive Order) are an exceptional issue that should be addressed in some way.
- General agreement that there is a way for the Minyan to respond to current events without making a public statement, which might include increasing our Social Action engagement. Actions are ultimately more effective than a statement. Statement would not have as far reaching effects as programming.
- The LC came to following conclusions:
 - Actions speak louder than words, specifically Social Action events and programming (speakers, etc.)
 - The LC determined that there should be two votes:
 - Releasing public/press releases about current events now or in the near future as a general policy
 - Should we send an email addressing recent current events and our plans to respond to them to the community on behalf of the DC Minyan Leadership.

Voting Results:

- Should DC Minyan release public statements in response to current events, now or in the near future?
 - In Favor: 0
 - Abstain: 4
 - Against: 8
- Authorize the SC to send an email addressing recent current events to the community on behalf of the DC Minyan Leadership t (SC and LC)
 - In Favor: 8
 - Abstain: 0
 - Against: 0
 - Did Not Vote: 4 (Steering Committee Members)