

DC Minyan Leadership Council Meeting  
4/26/2017

Attendance

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

Absent

- Kids and Parents: Dari Pogach, Shira Margol, Laura Yares, Nicki Bodner

Two Minute updates

- Zach Stern (Community Relations): Attendance at social events has been low, but we will continue to offer them.
- Kaylin Bugos (Hospitality): All hospitality requests have been placed successfully, and she is starting to plan for the June 9 mystery guest shabbat dinner. The SC/LC will be the primary hosts for meals, and we will find other hosts as needed depending on numbers.
- Aaron Malinoff (Finance): Got engaged!! Mazel Tov. Email [sc@dcminyan.org](mailto:sc@dcminyan.org) for the full story.
- Josh Nason (Special Events): The Pesach 7th day lunch was successful. Divi will be in charge of the community lunch on 5/6.
- Rebecca Gerr (Gabbai): 3 people expressed interest in the new gabbai role. People are already expressing interest in participating on the Shavuot Retreat.
- Jon Dine (SC): Working on reducing the Bulletin length. We will institute a two week policy for non date-limited items (housing requests and the like).
- Laura Yares (Chinuch): Update from Laura via Josh: Shavuot Scholar-in-Residence is confirmed. For the Tikun, only two people have signed up so far. If you know of anyone have them reach out to Laura. Laura will be reviewing the DT guidelines with both coordinators to ensure D'var Torahs meet expectations regarding quality and length.
- Naomi Michaelis (SC): Lag B'Omer BBQ with RP and Keshet. We do not have a grant and nobody put it in the budget, so there will be a cost. Keshet will be covering most of the park permit - it went from \$150 up to \$600.

Budget Discussion:

- Aaron distributed a report on spending in this Fiscal Year to date. It all seems to be on track. We anticipate using the next LC meeting to discuss and approve the 17-18 year budget. SC will share the budget Google doc with Aaron for regular updating.
- Discussion about membership dues: ShulCloud clean-up is needed so we know who has not yet paid their 16-17 dues. Unpaid dues are a result of some confusion surrounding

payment from earlier in the year. Jon will coordinate a ShulCloud cleanup meeting to get it sorted out by Shavuot. Zach Stern volunteered himself

- Jon will talk to ShulCloud about making membership an opt-in vs. an opt-out

#### Insurance (Josh):

- We are in the process of updating our insurance to cover Physical and Sexual Abuse, and it is ongoing. Part of this process will be for us to self-certify various items (background checks and waivers from parents).
- We will make sure that the Machzors and both torahs are fully covered under the new policy.

#### Shavuot:

- Budget: We may have to go over our budget to pay a competitive rate for the scholar in residence. As a result of the timing of Shavuot, we have fewer people coming and therefore, will not be subsidizing as much for the retreat this year. Can we shuffle money around or should we raise the budget?
  - The LC votes in favor of shuffling money to cover the extra costs.
    - Yea: 9
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 0
- Babysitting:
  - During the Shavuot retreat there is a babysitting rotation where parents are assigned areas. Concerns over the process and guidelines were raised.
  - To address this, we will:
    - Provide detailed guidelines for parents participating
    - Require all parents participating sign the DC Minyan babysitting waiver
    - Require all parents to recognize that they have responsibility while on the rotation.
  - The LC voted to offer the babysitting rotation as an option with increased guidelines and specific responsibilities for parents.
    - Yea: 9
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 0

#### 10 and 10:

- Everyone has finished the Gender Equality and Prayer in Jewish Law by Rabbis Ethan Tucker and Micha'el Rosenberg, which addresses the Halachic issues surrounding women leading and women counting in a minyan.
- The committee has decided that it would be useful for both the committee and the community to bring in an author of the book (or Aryeh Bernstein) as a scholar to lay out the Halachic issues for the community and answer any questions.
  - This should be on a non-chag/shabbat day so that we can record and/or open a teleconference number for maximum participation.

- We will need to schedule this carefully to maximize turnout, otherwise the (potentially large) cost won't be worth it.
- Next Steps:
  - The Committee will get in touch with the potential scholars to find out their availability and the cost.
  - Once that information is obtained, the Committee will work with the SC to allocate funding and schedule the event.

#### Lifecycle Coordination

- While DC Minyan is a young community, in the past year our members have experienced a lot of loss. As we have become a primary religious institution for some of our members, it is important to develop specific guidelines to support the membership in times of death rather than an ad hoc response.
- There are 2 separate scenarios:
  - Shiva in town
  - Shiva out of town and then the community member returns to DC.
- We will need guidelines under each scenario on who contacts the family, who is in charge of what actions, a list of Rabbis who could help with a funeral, etc.
- There is a separate conversation that we should have about what we can and should do if a community member passes away.
- Next Steps:
  - Jon Dine will be the SC contact, and will work with Gabbai (Rebecca Gerr) and Lifecycle (Miriam Szubin) to put together guidelines.
  - Jon will look into acquiring any items that we need to be a better resource (low chairs, etc.)
  - This group will look contact Keshet about potential cemetery space and look into renewing our membership with the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington (coordinate with Aaron Malinoff [Finance]).

#### Hospitality/Membership (Zach and Kaylin)

- We should do our best to make sure that hospitality and membership coordinators are in sync.
- Zach will send an email to the LC about social events they would be interested in
  - For example, the happy hour followed by an outdoor movie, an event held last year, was successful and well received.
- The SC will work with Zach to clarify the role of the Community Relations lead.