

DC Minyan LC Meeting - December 8, 2015

In attendance: Nicki Bodner; Eytan Apter; Ben Solomon Schwartz; Daniel Havivi; Jessica Torch; Shira Broms; Dena Roth; Natalie Lascar Lefkowitz; Aaron Malinoff (on phone); Laura Tomes

**Dena is late in honor of her last meeting*

- Two minute Updates
 - Nicki: Festivus will be at Board Room ¹ 6:30-8:30
 - updates from Josh Nason - good feedback and turn out for lunch and learn. Will delay the idea to make cholents for future events. Getting ready for 2/6/16 SC lunch. Met the director of the Jewish Food Experience. They will be offering micro-grants for food related events.
 - Suggestion to change the announcement cycle because it disrupts food orders
 - Maybe worth it to send stand along emails to encourage sign ups or personal emails
 - Eytan: Hannukah party is planned. 62 registered, space for 100. Ordered food for 100. DCJCC are announcing a capital campaign - this will be good news and will allow DC Minyan to grow as the building grows
 - Ben (Gabbai): Hanukkah davening is happening
 - Daniel: Great lunch and learn. Will work on planning for March soon. Eytan has an idea if one is needed
 - Jessica: Greeter pins have been ordered. Jessica will email greeters. Bye.
 - Shira: Nothing to Update
 - Dena: No update.
 - Natalie: 45 people signed up for kids hannukah party at Deb Saxon's
 - Aaron: Sent emails for outstanding dues. Received some money and some cancellations - some feedback: moved away, go to other services
- Baby Meals
 - Setting up a sign up sheet for baby meals is a benefit for full members
 - Will review language on website to clarify benefits of members vs. associate members vs. community members who attend, but are not paid members. Need to clarify and determine how to share publicly
- Hospitality
 - the hospitality team is thinking of ways to reinvigorate the hospitality program. First, we need an updated list of people who are willing to host/be part of the hospitality email. The list that I email out to is from 2012.
 - We also want people who don't always have a place to go to have an option of places to go without burdening "the list". Idea is that we send a stand alone email that is a form that engages people and asks them to sign up again. We also want people to be able to sign up for a Shabbat group and it could centralize around

¹ Note: Venue has been changed to Rocket Bar (post-LC meeting change)

different ideas. Clusters: maybe once a month or once every month the cluster can get together and do shabbat.

- Nicki: A singles community would be interested in this idea. Reaching out to other communities would be great in order to enhance the possibility of meeting new people within and beyond the minyan community.
- Dena: This sounds great. Email the text.
- BSS: There are people in our broader community who don't know other people in the community.
- *Eytan: The clustering could reinforce certain perceptions of an unfriendly minyan. People might complain and we need to be aware of it.*
- Bylaws Discussion: Striking DCBM from the LC and Halachic and long term policy decisions
 - *Dena would like to be involved in logistics past her time on the LC*
 - Voting on amending the bylaws to include a policy for creating an ad hoc long term committee that can be pulled together as needed - The idea behind this is to encourage long term thinking for the minyan
 - Vote:
 - 11 people vote in favor of striking DCBM from the Bylaws. No one votes against. The whole LC AGREED!!!!
 - Article 8: Halachic and Long term policy decisions
 - 9 people in favor of the change without including the number 7
 - 2 vote against
- Brainstorm for long term ideas to be discussed in the future:
 - Shavuot learning opportunities - what kind of scholar in residence? Should we have all night learning?
 - Should we continue to count a minyan as 10 and 10
 - Putting together a policy on simchas (bar/bat mitzvahs; baby namings; bris's)
- THANK YOU TO DENA AND JESSICA!!!! This is their final LC Meeting
- THANK YOU TO DANIEL AND EYTAN!!! This is their last LC Meeting as SC Members