

## **August 26 LC Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Eytan, Dena, Jessica, Daniel, Aaron, Adina, Beth, Rebecca (via FaceTime), Jeremy, Natalie

### 1. 2 minute updates

Daniel: successfully navigated the minefield of summer kiddushes, but are now planning for chagim.

Beth: P&K committee is gearing up for a few different events in October, including the annual Sukkah decorating party, and then a family-oriented social action activity during Sukkot -- we will be going to a farm called City Blossoms in Shaw to volunteer. Another conversation that we are having is about splitting up Tot Shabbat into three groups: 0-3s, age 4-kindergarten, and grade schoolers. We have placed an ad with GW Hillel to recruit some teachers. We will also be looking for volunteers. We also need to sort out locations in the JCC where we can host all 3 programs on Shabbat. We have also lined up babysitting for the High Holidays.

Eytan: 1k from the EJV grant has been allocated for a social action event. We can use some of this grant money for this event if we would like.

Dena: for HH babysitting, this year we are charging a nominal amount and also requiring pre-registration. Parents will not be allowed to drop off children at babysitting without having signed up in advance. We should also double check the HH sign up list closer to so that we can make sure to reach out to parents who have bought tickets for kids, but not signed up for babysitting, to make sure they are aware that babysitting is not available to them as a backup option unless they sign up.

Eytan: we should also make sure we have enough babysitters for YK, when volume is higher, to make sure we keep the ratio of kids to babysitters more manageable.

Adina: we are gearing up for the kick-off the year community dinner on Friday, September 12, which will be BBQ themed. The announcement is going out tomorrow. We are discussing creative ways to draw out parents with young kids, including potentially on-site babysitting for sleeping kids. We are also already planning the Second Annual Sukkah Hop, which we are tentatively setting for Shabbat Chol Hamoed. We are looking for a co-coordinator if anyone has suggestions. Also, it is never too soon to find a volunteer to coordinate Chanukah celebrations.

Jeremy: nothing major to report for chinuch. Weekly lunch and learns have found a home in the food court at 18th and I Streets. We average 3 people per week. After the High Holidays, we will start brainstorming the December lunch-and-learn. Also, we have a full compliment of DT coordinators.

Rebecca: we have an aufruf on September 6, and we are all confirmed for daveners and leyners for HH. We are looking for gabbai support for RH. Also, we will take a look at the HH registration to see who has signed up for additional asks.

Jessica (on behalf of Shira Broms): we had an MGS last week, which had some logistical difficulties day-of, though overall it was a success. Sign up was down compared to previous meals, though there was a bunch of new people.

Adina: we had 3 people at our meal who expressed interest in signing up for membership.

Aaron: nothing much to report.

## 2. Membership Drive

Natalie: we kicked off the drive this week, asking people to let us know whether they do not want renew. We have already had 13 new members sign up, which is also very promising. We will also do targeted outreach to people who came to events throughout the year, and a reminder email to everyone.

Jessica: when are planning on sending out the bill?

Eytan: we should send out the bill before RH, but follow up with a deadline later on.

Dena: we do need to make sure that no one is signing up this year who has an outstanding balance from last year.

Aaron: installments in 12 parts is also very difficult to manage, and I propose reducing the maximum installment part amount to 6.

Daniel: I will remove 12 parts from the form.

Natalie: someone suggested that we replace "billing" with "invoice" in our emails.

Aaron: sounds like we should send out the invoice in September before RH, and then set a payment (or installment plan) within a few weeks of Simchat Torah.

Dena: on another note, we like to recognize volunteers and leaders with kevodim on HH, so if anyone wants to suggest someone for an aliyah, please email the GC or SC.

Jessica: another aspect of this year's membership drive is asking members to sign up to volunteer in one small way over the course of the year -- whether by picking a date to come on time, set up/clean up kiddush, or help with Tot Shabbat. So far, very few people who have signed

up for membership have used this form, so we need to push it harder in our announcements moving forward.

Eytan: maybe we should put this form in the invoice email.

Natalie: we will do a membership drive pitch in announcements at shul between now and RH, and also have a bigger pitch on YK after maariv. I am brainstorming folks to do this, feel free to send me ideas.

Beth: I think we should also do a pitch on RH.

Kadden: I can ask one of the DT givers on RH to incorporate the message.

Dena: a reminder that while membership includes HH tickets, members still must register for HH to tell us when they are coming.

### 3. Wrap Up from Community Meeting in August: Tefillah Institute

Jessica: at our community meeting earlier this month, attendees voted to allocate the \$10k anonymous donation to a Tefillah Institute, which means we should take steps to start planning this program.

Eytan: I think we should begin with either the SC or chinuch team proposing a framework for a volunteer to take over, but make sure that they have structure and direction.

Rebecca: I think we should ask Talya Bock for her thoughts, I am also happy to be fairly involved once the chagim are over.

Dena: my proposal is to do a several-part series that is an educational opportunity to learn about liturgy more broadly, with some component having to do with davening skill building, but with the bigger idea to provide educational opportunities to dig into Jewish prayer and aspects of Jewish prayer.

Adina: the davening workshop aspects has been very popular in the past, so I agree the program should include that. I also think we can consider ways to incorporate kids.

Kadden: we should open this up to the community to volunteer to coordinate this.

Beth: if we were to get one or two people to take the lead, and then put out a call to the community to join a planning committee that will meet on certain dates, that will give people something to sink their teeth into.

Rebecca: let's start planning in earnest after chagim. I will reach out to Talya.

#### 4. DCBM

Dena: we wanted to tee up a proposal about considering folding DCBM under the chinuch umbrella, rather than keeping it as a separate permanent position on the LC. According to the bylaws, DCBM has a permanent seat on the LC, but the DCBM rep must be a member in good standing of DCM. Historically, we have had harder and easier times finding a DCBM rep who is a DCM member. We were very lucky with Daniel Chiat, who recently moved to Chicago. Before he left, he raised the question of whether DCBM needs to retain its place on the LC. In his view, he did not think it was necessary. Also, we amended the bylaws in 2012 to reflect a “committee” structure beneath the LC, wherein many LC members represent a larger committee, such as gabbai, hospitality, and chinuch. It may make sense to fold DCBM under chinuch, and allow their interests and views to be represented through the chinuch coordinator. Finally, according to the bylaws, we do not need to amend the bylaws to make this change. We can take a straight LC 2/3rds vote, and then update the bylaws reflecting the change. We are thinking about taking this to a vote at the next meeting.

Natalie: if we remove DCBM from the LC, would we still expect their representatives to be a DCM member in good standing?

Jessica: I would prefer that we make this decision without a new DCBM rep attending this meeting.

Aaron: [Dena missed his comment]

Beth: is the chinuch coordinator open to this added responsibility?

Kadden: I am open to it, but I am not sure it is realistic that I would be speaking for them in this setting.

Adina: I have concerns about separating DCBM more.

Natalie: the bigger question is what we want our relationship with DCBM to look like. I am not super comfortable handing them money without having any other connection with them. We need to have some oversight.

Kadden: I am not sure that reporting to the LC is effective oversight. I think we need to have this conversation with the new DCBM rep separately before we re-raise this at the LC level.

Beth: the way I would frame it is that now that there is a transition going on at DCBM, the LC was taking the opportunity to reassess its relationship with DCM and ask for input.

Meeting concluded at 9:25 pm