

LC Meeting, Feb 4th, 2014

Present: Eytan Apter, Daniel Havivi, Daniel Chiat, Dena Roth, Jessica Torch, Adina Alpert, Danny Alpert (on phone), Rebecca Gerr, Natalie Lascar, Shira Broms, Aaron Malinoff, Beth Tritter

Not present: Gil Landau, Jeremy Kadden

JT: Welcome to the first meeting of 2014. Special welcome to Rebecca, Eytan and Daniel Havivi who are all new to the LC. suckers.

Intros and your LC position and 2 minute update:

AA: Special Events: working on this year's community lunch. This year there will be a cocktail hour right after shul. Boozy and bigger. We'll be having the lunch at Chastleton. She will need extra help for volunteers. Then we have Purim, lunch and learn, and Pesach.

Daniel Chiat: Represents DCBM. Lots of rabbis on deck, including Rabbi Ackerman from Eitz Chaim in VA. Also Friday afternoon learning co-coordinating with DCM chinuch. They've gone well - a handful of people attending, so trying to get more people and good conversations. They are circulating at different locations around Dupont.

Dena Roth: SC. Sent out the tax deduction emails, so you should see them; it's a shulcloud feature. If people have questions, send them to Aaron as the treasurer. We also received an anonymous \$10K donation that we'll talk about more when it's budget season.

BT: Parents & Kids. Our next event is Purim. Beth envisions something big for the kids, like a balloon animal guy.

SB: Hospitality. MGS is Friday, 2/21. Lia Katz is going to coordinate greeters. It needs a little more attention to be filled and maintained.

JT: suggests all LC members sign up for greeting duty.

NL: community relations. Some new members, which is good. Payments coming in are going well.

EA: SC. Will discuss Purim later.

DH: SC. Friday lunch and learns have gone well and DCBM is going great. Lunch and Learn with Jim Loeffler on April 5th. Shulcloud is fine; ALL people have to log in, even guests. Oneg sponsorships are very late relative to kiddush ones, we should try to get them earlier.

RG: gabbai committee. 2 new gabbais - Seth Shapiro and Tamara Litwin. Asks for megillah

reading are out. DCM is short on kippot, please donate. There will be a 2nd reading of zachor, since it is a mitzvah di'oraita.

DA: Survey committee has met and focusing on types of questions and language. Measuring success is working their magic and then the committee will review. Committee will talk about how to roll out the survey, branding it, publicizing it, etc. questions are in groups, so not sure how many questions there are yet, it's still a draft.

DC: Timeline is a couple of weeks late, but not too bad. Goal is 10-15 minute range.

JT: let's start with hospitality.

SJ: how to make sure the greeters list doesn't look so empty. Assign the LC and a core group to always be available.

DA: I sent individual emails and got good responses. It's a good way to reach out to non-core regulars.

SJ: I agree. let's ask anyone.

JT: Could everyone here sign up for 1 week?

SJ: Introducing idea of LC reaching out to new members to be hosted for shabbat meals. Natalie helped put together list of 35 new member units (individuals and couples). Proposal - each of these new member units hosted at least once before pesach and then reach out to another member of the community to ask if they will host another new member, so everyone will get hosted and ideally, they even get hosted a 2nd time. I will send out a summary email today or tomorrow, along with a sample email to send to new members (make it sound like yourself!) The sign up list will be transparent. If you have feedback to change the spreadsheet, let me know, i want to make it user friendly.

All: great idea!!

DH: Shavuot scholar. Kadden suggests we ask Jason Rubenstein to be a scholar in residence for shavuot. He's from Hadar.

DR: I want to make sure he's text-heavy.

EA: I will check the survey results from last year shavuot to make sure we're being responsive to people's desires.

EA: Let's urge people to put pictures on their shulcloud account to help with hospitality.

EA: Purim: we don't have the JCC for either Saturday or Sunday for Purim. 90% chance that we'll get the same hotel as last year for Saturday night. Purim is also St. Patrick's. We can probably have Bread and Brew from 10-1. Other places were too expensive because of St. Patrick's day. We need a coordinator for Saturday night (primarily the party aspect). Ariella Kurshan will coordinate Sunday. We need a location on Sunday (hotel is expensive, churches are busy).

BT: The basement of Masonic temple is rentable. (jokes about national treasure and Indiana Jones)

EA: I need lots of helpers for Purim including a seudah coordinator for that day. I also need to deal with the shpiel. I will look into how to cut costs to pay for all the space we need. We also will discuss with Beth what the kids part of Purim will be and when. We also need to determine which charities to give matanot laevyonim, if you have suggestions, send them to the SC. **need Sunday venues!!**

DH: Kiddush prices are up. We propose to increase the price to 180 regular/300 deluxe. We propose that 2 non-deluxe sponsors = 1 deluxe kiddush but that's less than a real deluxe kiddush.

Lots of discussion about how to control kiddush costs, make life easier for Nikki/Mark. It's really important to the minyan and has become really big.

Major point of discussion - is kiddush tit-for-tat or is it a donation to the minyan that gets you kiddush too. also, what is too much? People seem to think 180/360 is ok. or not.

We need to do something about the trash on the floor and in the hallway which comes from parents and kids!

Thank you to Natalie Lascar for hosting.