

DC Minyan Leadership Council Meeting - June 24, 2014

Rebecca Gerr taking minutes (first time!).

Who is here: Jeremy Kadden, Eytan Apter, Dena Roth, Daniel Havivi, Jessica Torch, Rebecca Gerr, Natalie Lascar, Shira Broms, and Aaron Malinoff

Voting by Proxy: Adina Alpert (Rebecca Gerr), Gil Landau (Aaron Malinoff), Danny Alpert (Jeremy Kadden), Beth Tritter (Eytan Apter)

Daniel Chiat is moving to Chicago. We will need a new DC Beit Midrash representative on the LC, who is a member in good standing of DCM as required by the bylaws. Discussion of whether DC Beit Midrash should be continued as a DC Minyan Leadership Committee position.

There will be a community meeting on Sunday August 4. It is very important that the entire LC is represented. Discussion of whether we should do this on erev erev tisha b'av.

The SC will combine survey feedback with the ideas from the LC of how to spend the grant.

Budget Conversation - budget year is 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015

- Thank you Aaron for all your hard work!!
- At the conclusion of the meeting, the LC will vote to approve the budget (with edits). Some will vote on behalf of proxies.
- Overall update on budget from Aaron:
 - Grant from Anonymous donor (\$10,018) got put in the 2013-2014 budget year
 - Currently says that we will be saving \$25,000 - that is likely too high and will get spent, especially because it assumes we would receive another \$10k grant next year
 - Tzedaka - is no longer an accurate line item
- Understanding Cash on Hand -
 - we hit lowest in July/August - post Shavuot, pre-high holidays and membership drive
 - why do we need this much cash on hand? Minimum cash on hand - should be 6-12 months
 - rent/salary are the most, we don't have much in those areas
 - we could reduce something
 - why we should not have more cash on hand: have up to \$15,000 of additional possible spending with JCC over next few years
 - budget assumes for a substantial grant every year, which may not always be available
 - options: could reduce dues, could put money in an investment account
 - money we have in the bank - could cover 1 year of DC Minyan's existence, if we want to pilot anything need to have the money for it, reduce cost of community events

- Budget Updates
 - General Programming
 - need to increase rent, we owe them \$1,209 this year because we had forgotten to adjust the quarterly payment following last year's rent increase. Next year's rent will increase by 3% to \$25,590.35
 - Money for Beit Mishpacha - for allowing us to use their Torah. Should we eliminate this item since we no longer borrow their sefer torah? Item eliminated.
 - Tzedaka - was from Matanot L'evyonim. Should be changed.
 - Jewish funeral practice - is a local chevra kaddisha
 - Eruv - is \$200 the right amount?
 - Survey was paid for last year but was not included in the budget
 - Will increase cost for LC meetings - total of \$350 / year
 - Increase magnet line item to \$290
 - Holidays
 - Purim is broken into 3 buckets - total is \$4,000 (explained by Dena) - is less than last year because next year it falls on a weekday
 - All references to "Friedman French" should change to EJJ throughout
 - EJJ is giving money toward Shavuot
 - Over budgeted parts of Shavuot - such as the pool - because it is an unknown
 - Capitol Camps has a 20% increase for Memorial Day
 - Need to increase costs for alcohol
 - will keep giveaway the same amount
 - Lag B'Omer - will be on a weekday (Thursday). We will likely still have an event.
 - JCC Room Rentals - not included for Purim, included for others
 - Chinuch
 - Add in Lunch & Learn #2 - and a contingency for an outside venue
 - Line items to add in: \$2,000 for general programming
 - Add in program with Mechon hadar (Lunch & Learn #2)
 - Shavuot Speaker - \$1,000 - their registration, travel, honorarium. Increase to \$1,500
 - Special Events
 - Spent more on SC Lunch this year because of location. Usually doing it in the Community Hall.
 - Community Dinner - question on how much was spent
 - Sukkah Hop - was \$200 over budget. We budgeted \$500 for it - not sure why we spent more than that if Dena reimbursed at \$50/sukkah. Asked people to donate (they donated \$286). Will increase budget to \$700.
 - Singles event - have to include event in Expenses (already shown in Income from EJJ Grant)
 - Finance

- PayPal fees - Aaron would like to look into an authorized dot-net option, which would save money on fees
 - People have complained about PayPal rejecting credit cards
 - Constant contact - will be phasing out, can zero it out
 - ShulCloud - will need again next year, need it in two years. Should be reflected in the year to date budget (several thousand dollars).
 - may have been budgeted in the previous year
 - need to have a line item for it (\$0) so that we remember to do it next year
- Kiddush
 - have to look at the bottom line in terms of spending -difficult to break out line items (Kiddush includes onegs, that's why there is no spending there)
 - Kiddush - should be changed to 24
 - Special Event Kiddush - Kiddush that DC Minyan did for the SC Luncheon. Need to check with Adina Alpert.
 - Can decrease amount for YK break-fast - we are only spending half of budget
 - Are spending x2 for supplies - need to increase supply budget to \$200
 - Alcohol - should be included in the oneg budget
 - Costco - how much is our annual cost. Will adjust to \$50
- Parents and Kids
 - Want to add Neilah Babysitting - \$280. Last year's spending included Neilah babysitting. Will bring it up to \$3,000
 - Shavuot Retreat Programming - Beth wants to increase to up to \$3,000 for a kids camp
- Community Relations
 - Should include a new member dinner in the spring
 - October dinner was lower spending than projected - not sure why
 - Community meeting brunch & social events funding should be removed
 - Did not do a new member open house - we should do it next year
 - leave money for social programming
- Beit Midrash -
 - we are allocating twice as much as they spend
 - Discuss the right-size of their budget
- Gabbai Committee
 - There are a few scenarios where we do not to pay for the ark to be repaired
 - People will donate tikkunim
- Social Action - we need to establish that we will do an event.
- Hospitality
 - Increase to \$1,200 each
 - Host appreciation event - keep

- Aaron has many revisions to make. The budget that we vote on will include the changes we just discussed.
 - Vote: approving budget - walked through with changes. Approve budget that was just discussed
 - All present vote yes: Natalie, Shira, Aaron, Jeremy, Eytan, Daniel, Dena, Jessica, Rebecca
 - By Proxy Voting Yes: Adina Alpert, Beth Tritter, Gil Landau
 - By Proxy Voting No: Danny (via Jeremy Kadden)