

Kol Ami Steering Committee Meeting, December 15, 2016

Attending by Phone: Harriet Epstein, Rabbi Gilah Langner, Herb Cooper-Levy, Erv Walter, Jane Petkosfky, Jane Shulman, Mindy Rudell, Jonathan Baumgarten, Ted Joseph, Mike Jawer, Mindi Weisenbloom, Lynda Erinoff

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Herb requested that the minutes should include the names of the committee members present.

Erv Walter gave the treasurer's report: We have more cash on hand than last year (\$48,000 vs \$34,000). The Rabbi's discretionary fund had very little activity. Outstanding dues are only \$2,000 vs. \$6,000 last year. We have received \$4,800 in donations this year and \$500 for JCEP from the Jewish Federation. We have added two new families this year but have lost six, for a net loss of four.

There was some discussion of outreach activities to get new members. Mindy Rudell commented that the open house was well done. There were three prospects from the event, although she hasn't heard more since then.

Discussion on recommendations from Dec 4 meeting.

Jane Shulman asked if the committee had any questions or comments on the document related to the meeting.

Mike Jawer commented that the two recommendations are not exclusive. Recommendation #1 is an immediate reaction to certain appointments by the President-elect while #2 is a longer term response.

There was some discussion of wording related to the Tikun Olam committee. Jane S. will clarify the description of the committee on p2.

The committee discussed whether there should be another meeting to vote on the recommendations in the proposal or if the voting should be done by Survey Monkey. The committee decided to use Survey Monkey as it would be more timely and a meeting couldn't be held until late January because of scheduling conflicts.

Proposal for a Teen Program

The committee enthusiastically approved Richard Ruth's proposal for a Kol Ami teen program.

Honoring Member at Chesapeake Jewish Reconstructionist Communities (CJRC) Afternoon of Honor

Kol Ami will honor Erv Walter at the CJRC annual event in March.

There will be a Hannukah party on December 25 at 5:30 at Hope Warshaw and Don Kraus's house. An e-mail will be sent out with a sign up.