

Kol Ami steering committee minutes
April 10, 2016

Attending

Herb Cooper-Levy
Lynda Erinoff
Joan Goldfarb
Shana Harbour
Marcel Infeld
Elizabeth Lower-Basch
Mindy Rudell
Jane Schulman
Willa Siegel
Sharon Sterling
Erv Walter
Mindi Weisenbloom

Steering members not present

Rayna Aylward
Suzy Friedman
Mike Jawer
Jim North
Toni Popkin

Proposed agenda adopted without objection
Minutes of February meeting adopted without objection

Treasurer report -- Erv Walter

Full report presented in writing (see attached). Some highlights:
Have received about \$300 toward the Seder
Have paid the big bills towards the website, logo
\$2,537 is still outstanding for dues
One new member -- Rosalind Powell

Coordinator report -- Herb Cooper-Levy

Full report presented in writing (see attached). In addition, he noted that next week, the UUCA will be rededicating the peace pole, and he will represent Kol Ami.

Leila's retirement party -- Marcel presented Rayna Aylward's report in her absence.

Hoping to use this event to raise \$4,000 -- some people have committed to matching donations up to \$2,000
Planning group is meeting by conference call tomorrow

Seder update -- Herb Cooper-Levy

Erin Bueno de Mesquita volunteered to be the coordinator.
New member Rosalind Powell is helping.
We now have a consolidated registration process through the new website.
As of a few days ago, about 18 people had registered -- about par for the course given our pattern of late RSVPs

Tikkun Olam --Sharon Sterling

Had another successful bagged dinner event.

In order to expand Tikkun Olam capacity, is thinking about having other members organize events, sharing news about other opportunities in the community.

Care and Concern -- Sharon presented as Harriet is traveling.

Community is coordinating meals for Toby – she’s slowly recovering from surgery. She appreciates meals, visits, but please email first.

Discussion of whether we should prorate dues for new members --

Current language in recently adopted membership policy says we do not:

"A new member will be billed upon the member’s statement of intent to join. Membership is on a fiscal year basis and is not prorated from the date the member joins."

Marcel expressed concern that this discourages people from joining later in the year, and some agreed. Others expressed concern that allowing proration would make it too complicated for the Treasurer, and would reduce our dues, as many new families join in the fall for JCEP. After discussion, motions were made as follows:

Marcel moved to delete “and is not prorated from the date the member joins” from the quoted language above. This motion failed on a voice vote.

Lynda moved to delete the whole second sentence above. This motion failed on a voice vote.

Elizabeth moved to replace the second sentence with the following: "Membership is on a fiscal year basis. Members joining after January 1 will be charged half the regular amount." This motion was accepted on a voice vote. NOTE: As the policy was adopted by the community, this vote is simply to recommend the change to the community at the June meeting.

Proposed slate for 2016-2017 (see attached)

Marcel presented the proposed slate for 2016-2017, with the addition of Anne Salzburg as the RC Plenum representative. The steering committee accepted the proposed slate without objection, thanked the members for their willingness to serve, and thanked the nominations committee for their efforts.

Jane Schulman – Rabbi search recommendation.

Jane presented the recommendation of the search committee to offer the Rabbi position to Gilah Langner.

The steering committee voted without objection to accept the recommendation of the rabbi search committee to recommend to the congregation that we offer the Rabbi position to Gilah Langner. There will be a community meeting next Sunday to vote on the recommendation.

The steering committee voted without objection to thank Jane Schulman for leading the search process.

Assuming the community follows the recommendation, Mindy Rudell, on behalf of the children and families committee, asked Jane when she spoke with Rabbi Joseph Berman to express our interest in having him lead children's high holiday services again.

The meeting was adjourned at 6pm.