Kol Ami Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 3/2/2014

In attendance:
Jim North, Lance Feiner, Carolyn Gray, Rayna Aylward, Jane Schulman, Mary Kuntz, Erv Walter, Janice Cooper-Levi, Lynda Erinoff, Elenor Hodges, Sharon Sterling, Mindy Rudell, Toni Popkins, Lynda Erinoff

Meeting started at 3:31p

Reviewed the January meeting minutes. Rayna Aylward moved to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Sharon Sterling. Passed.

Jim North confirmed that suggested 4/6 and 5/18 are next Steering Committee meetings. At 3:30p at UUCA.

Agenda additions:

- Mary Kuntz asked to add Nominating committee.
- Mindy Rudell wants to add for next meeting agenda item for JCEP teachers.
- Mindy Rudell stated that Erika not available for Family Friendly Shabbat.
- Mindy Rudell agreed to coordinate Purim celebration.
- Lynda Erinoff asked to add talk about seder.
- Jim North asked who coordinates calendar changes. Calendar changes go to Carolyn Gray. Mary Kuntz asked about calendar cancellations? Haven't coordinated those with Carolyn Gray… just sent e-mails and changed website. Everyone does own website changes, but notify Carolyn Gray and Amy Stutt.

Decision Items:

- Jim North discussed the March 30th Reconstructionist Annual Celebration. Jim North read the proposed language for the advertisement. Rayna Aylward to check about Bio language for Hope and Don. Jim North asked for everyone's concurrence for ad content. No objections. Jim North will pay for Don Kraus and Hope Warsaw to attend and for ad placement. Treasurer will reimburse Jim North for the cost. Rayna Aylward asked Jim to publicize the celebration to Kol Ami members to try to get a table full of members. There are not reserved seats, but would want everyone to sit together. Rayna Aylward volunteered to coordinate any rides.
- Jim North discussed the May 4th meet the Rabbi lunch. Erv Walter has offered his home to host the event. Around 11a in morning. Everyone is welcome. Will be advertised at the second night seder. Need outreach to get word out and publicize. Rayna Aylward suggested to add notification to the Chesapeake newsletter. Mindy will check with teen group to see if they are available to help.
- Jim North asked that we get a second night Seder co-coordinater, because too much work for just Lynda Erinoff. Herb Cooper-Levy will lead service on 4/15. $20 for adults; $40 per family; $10 for child alone. Will request pay at the door. Lynda will contact Don and Harriet. Jim will contact the Linnix.
- Mary Kuntz needs 3 more people for nominating committee. Mary Kuntz will put out email asking who wants to come back and what positions need to be filled. Also, if anyone has any ideas for people or self-nominate.
- Rayna Aylward discussed the request to do hiho planning on May 4th.
- Jim confirmed with Erv that we are co sponsoring May 29th Dr. Judith Plaskow speaking event with Bet Mishpachah.
- Jim North mentioned that the Ritual Committee request on funding to sponsor guest service leaders was approved. Request for intergenerational service on May 30th with Rabbi Chaya Silver.
- Jim North stated that we didn't have a report in December on dual affiliation (Jewish Renewal) issue. Do we want to have a discussion of this at the community meeting this summer. Rayna suggested that we request items for subjects and if it comes up. Janice will check with Herb on status on committee.

- Jim reviewed funding proposals from Rabbi Leila

Other items

- KANVRC Master Calendar for 2014. Mindy will get with Carolyn
- Jim North reported that there is nothing new to report on Rabbi's discretionary fund guidelines.
- Jim North reported Rabbinic Liaison Committee – first meeting 1/21/14
- Rayna suggested that the JRF may have some suggested resources for discretionary funding guidelines and other resources we may want to check. Carolyn will check.
- Outreach committee strategy
- Need a sub committee to work on remodel website & newsletter. Rayna suggested that we speak with Emily.
- Erv Walter reported on state of funds. Need to ad Tu B'shabat for next year's budget.
- Personnel issue (executive session)

Executive session at 5:05p

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Action Items:

- Rayna Aylward to check about bio for Hope and Don for Annual Celebration.
- Jim North to pay for Hope and Don's attendance and to place advertisement.
- Elenor Hodges to publicize the Meet the Rabbi lunch.
- Jim North to get volunteer to be co-coordinator for second night seder.