

Kol Ami Steering Committee Meeting October 27, 2016

Meeting Notes

Steering Committee Members Present: Mattie Cohan, Harriet Epstein, Lynda Erinoff, Marcel Infeld, Ted Joseph, Debbie Linick, Mindy Rudell, Jane Schulman, Mindi Weisenbloom,

Others Present: Herb Cooper-Levy, Rabbi Gilah Langner

The Coordinator's report and the Treasurer's report were made by text. It was noted that we have more cash on hand than we did at this time 1 year ago (\$45k vs \$37k) and we have a lower balance of outstanding dues than 1 year ago (\$7k vs \$10k). 3 members left this year. Debbie will call the leaving families. One committee member noted that it would be good to mention Kol Ami's different funds in the newsletter and to encourage donations.

High Holidays Lessons Learned

A number of committee members noted that the HH services went well.

Harriett suggested that the special healing service could be scheduled during Elul.

Mindy R: The leader of the children's services was excellent. She will talk to her about coming next year too. The snack time for kids between the different kids' services worked well.

Mattie: We should see if the church has a place to store food for the food drive between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Mindi W: If we could give the church a drawing of how the tables should be set up, that would be good. Also, in previous years, the rabbi asked people to write down Tshuva on pieces of paper. It would be nice to bring that back.

Mindy R: Someone from the UU asked if we had any volunteers to do gardening around the church. Herb will take his name and ask around.

Herb: We advertised HH services on GathertheJews.com and The Washington Post. We got 24 additional visitors this year.

Website Policies

Mattie drafted the website terms of use and privacy policy. It provides a basic level of protection for Kol Ami and provides information to users. If we have more interactivity on the website in the future, we may need to add to the policy. Mattie noted that the policy protects K.A. if a user of the website is unhappy. Herb suggested that we change the name from "policy" to "statement". The committee agreed to adopt the website terms of use and privacy statement.

Mattie: Can we get a blanket permission from members to post a picture on the website? Herb will draft an email to members allowing them to opt out from putting a photo on the website.

Other Items

Mindi W.: On Dec 6 from 7-9pm the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) will have a legislator reception which Mindi will attend and other can attend too. The JCRC is an organization that acts as the

public face for the Jewish community. Their activities include lobbying state and local governments and promoting good relations with schools, law enforcement, and journalists. They are also an interfaith group that works with other religious groups for common interests.

Harriet: The Care and Concern committee has bereavement cards which they can send out. There was a question whether the cards should include just the Jewish date for a yahrzeit or the secular date as well. She will coordinate with Rabbi Gilah on this question.

Jane reminded the committee that the open house will be held on Nov 6 at 3:30pm-4:45pm.