Kol Ami steering committee, Monday August 10, 2015

By phone. Started at 8pm

Marcel Infeld
Lynda Erinoff
Elizabeth Lower-Basch
Willa Siegel
Erv Walter
Jane Petkofsky
Herb Cooper-Levy
Janice Cooper-Levy
Rayna Aylward
Mindy Rudell
Jane Schulman
Shana Harbour
Mindi Weisenbloom

Herb read a reflection from Torah Journeys by Shefa Gold

Motion to approve the steering committee schedule accepted
Approval of Agenda -- approved
July 11, 2015 minutes --- approved

High holidays progress report
Jane reported that she met with Rabbi Gilah and things are going well.
Lynda reported that she still has 6 volunteer slots to fill.
Mindy Rudell – has meeting set up with Rabbi Berman this week who will be leading the children's service. Some discussion of the logistics of apples and honey for the kids service.

Website restructuring
RFP sent to three firms. One declined to bid based on the size of the project, one has responded; we are waiting to hear from the third. Bids due by the end of the month.

October recruiting event – afternoon of Oct 25, at the UUCA, before JCEP. Reach out, particularly to people who have attended high holiday services but are not members. Emily and Eleanor are preparing a flyer and a letter to send out. Questions about how much outreach to do beyond the people who attended services. Would be good for steering committee members to attend. Share flyers at community bulletin boards, etc.

Marcel reaching out to departing members. Ann Hargrove, Mindee Laumann, Falk family.

Iran nuclear agreement event -- Now looking at the second week of September – 8, 9 or 10, 7.30 or 8pm. -- Herb and Don. UUCA is co-sponsoring the program. Herb will reach out to

other congregations once the date is nailed down. Someone from the WH, discussants with a range of opinions. Can also use it as an outreach/recruiting event. Will advertise high holiday services.

Mindy – JCEP -- tuition not changing. Some people still on the fence whether to attend – some people may only do part time. Eric has not yet decided whether to teach. Working through the details of how to arrange things. Emily Toll is joining committee – will meet later in the month to plan holiday activities.

Some issues about whether to do Tu B'shevat seder – there are some issues with the timing. Right after Shabbat Shira. Rabbi Leila led this last year, but none of the committees had responsibility for it. Need a logistical contact for it. January is a hectic month. To be determined next month.

Erv – Treasurer's report and membership list attached Dues are slowly coming in. Nice response to the request for donations for dues waivers – have already received more than we had requested. Overall on track about where we were at this point last year. Jane Schulman noted that she needed some info for the Rabbi Search form.

Jane Schulman. Rabbi search. Sent whole community summary of the discussion groups. Have done a first draft of the form that we need to submit to the RRC. Getting feedback from the committee. Should have that done by the beginning of September. Job will be posted right after the high holidays. Clarified that it's ok for us to reach out directly to any of the local rabbis we know. Can't post on social media, newsletter.

Marcel for Richard Ruth – Adult education. Sent around Rabbi's proposed program. Some negotiation over the timing – she prefers right after services. Agreed to 6 on Sundays, 2 after Shabbat services.