

Kol Ami Community Meeting
June 5, 2016

Attendees:

Gordon Achtermann	Emily Schwartz Greco	Toni Popkin
Rayna Aylward	Joan Goldfarb	Rosalind Powell
Jon Baumgarten	Shana Harbour	Franna Rudell
Amy Baumgarten	Eleanor Hodges	Mindy Rudell
Rabbi Leila Berner	Marcel Infeld	Richard Ruth
Ed Bomsey	Marge Jervis	Anne Salzburg
Herb Cooper-Levy	Ted Joseph	Jane Schulman
Erin Bueno De Mosquito	Don Kraus	David Siegel
Harriet Epstein	David Lipscomb	Willa Siegel
Lynda Erinoff	Elizabeth Lower-Basch	Emily Toll
Lance Feiner	Jim North	Mindi Weisenbloom
Susan Freiband	Jane Petkofsky	

Rabbi Leila gave a drash reminding us of the importance of our community and wishing us well as she leaves us as Rabbi.

Marcel explained that Rabbi Gilah is unable to join us due to a family emergency.

A motion to accept the agenda accepted without objection

The minutes of last January's meeting and the interim meeting to make the rabbi selection were both accepted without objection.

Herb Cooper-Levy presented the budget documents on behalf of Erv Walter.

We are ending the year with a surplus due to generous donations in honor of Rabbi's entitlement.

The budget for next year proposes essentially a flat budget, including no change in dues.

The lack of a line item for b'nai mitzvot represents change in policy – parents are now contracting directly with UUCA, without Kol Ami in the middle.

The budget was accepted without objection.

Rayna Aylward – discussed Rabbi's retirement party. Thanks to the planning committee including Willa Siegel, Hope Warshaw, Don Kraus, Toni Popkin, Ed Bomsey, Herb Cooper-Levy, and Mattie Cohan.

Please RSVP if you haven't. Older kids are encouraged to attend. (The pool will be open, so can bring suit in case kids get restless.)

Toni Popkin is still collecting the notes for the Rabbi.

Marcel Infeld brought up a proposed amendment to dues policy to state that members joining after January 1 will be charged half the regular amount. Steering committee has recommended this change. Amendment was approved without objection.

Marcel highlighted the Kol Ami accomplishments for 2015-2016. (See attachment.) Noted regarding the shortened name that our bylaws and articles of incorporation say NVRH. Not worth not worth changing articles of incorporation due to the bureaucratic hassle, but may want to amend bylaws.

Some discussion about the interaction between Kol Ami and the Moroccan Muslim group that meets at UUCA. Members were interested in interaction, but wanted to make sure that our principles -- particularly regarding women's full equality -- were not compromised. Recent event at Rodef Shalom was mentioned; <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2016/06/04/singing-salaam-synagogue-hosts-a-welcome-dinner-for-syrian-refugees/>

Rayna Aylward-- presented on the nominations for leadership (see attached) Emily Schwartz Greco and Marcel Infeld were the other members of the nominations committee.

Proposed slate was approved without objection. Outgoing members were recognized and thanked.

Kol Amite of the Year Awards were presented to Rayna Aylward, Lynda Erinoff, and Mindy Rudell.

Harriet Epstein presented on Care and Concern.

Jane Petkofsky presented for Ritual.

Mindy Rudell spoke for Children and Family.

Susan Freiband reminded us of tikkun olam committee.

Toni Popkin asked people to respond re healing list.

The meeting was adjourned.