

Library Minyan General Meeting

January 13, 2024

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Rosh Minyan (Joel Elkins) - approx 12:45 in Dorff-Nelson Chapel

- I. Welcome - Joel Elkins
- II. Introductory Remarks - Rabbi Adam Kligfeld
- III. Charter Revision - Joel Elkins & Carl Sunshine
 - A. Copies of draft charter revision were distributed
 - B. Carl Sunshine explained the primary purpose of the revisions
 1. To conform the charter (originally drafted in 2012) to the way things are being done currently
 - C. The floor was then opened to questions and comments. There were numerous suggestions regarding, among other things:
 1. The need for an official membership roll and criteria for membership, including possibly a nominal membership fee.
 2. The need for greeters
 3. The names, descriptions and purview of some of the committees and coordinators
 - D. Due to the number of helpful suggestions (plus the fact that approving a charter on shabbat is halachically questionable), no vote was taken. Anyone who made a suggestion was asked to email it to Joel and Carl. They will be incorporated into the next draft and distributed via email.
- IV. Introduction of Position Holders
 - A. Education - Rabbi Jim Rogozon (not in attendance)
 1. He had a previous commitment but is looking for potential Lunch & Learn ideas and volunteers
 - B. Ritual - Rabbi Ben Richards (not in attendance)
 - C. Finance - Jules Kamin
 - D. Treasurer - Dale Bodenstein
 1. Not a member of the Steering Committee. Collects/tracks donations and sends acknowledgments to honorees, pays accounts payable, tracks incoming and outgoing in database reviewed by Rosh and Finance Chair
 2. Finances in the three LM funds are healthy
 - a) General fund - primarily for kiddushes
 - (1) Was able to send gift cards to security/kitchen staff with surplus
 - b) Membership - 20/30s and other membership activities

- c) Chesed - to support chesed committee
- E. Social - Fran Grossman
- F. Head Gabbai - Howard Fredman
 - 1. Please make the job of the gabbais easier by saying yes when asked to participate
 - 2. Besides Howard, gabbais are: Russell Cohen, Rachel Burwald, Norm Garr, Michael Shimansky, David Novoseller
- G. Membership - Tal Link (not in attendance)
 - 1. Is stepping down, being replaced by Russell Cohen
- H. Communication - Marisa Holt (not in attendance)
 - 1. Is stepping down, being replaced by Rachel Bernstein
- I. Coordinators
 - 1. Mishna Study - Zwi Reznik
 - 2. Torah reading - Stan Goldstein
 - 3. Haftarah - Russell Cohen is stepping down, being replaced by Miriam Prum-Hess
 - 4. D'var Torah - Mickey Rosen (not in attendance) & Susan Laemmler
 - 5. Megillah reading - Tove Sunshine
 - 6. Chesed - Lori Harrison (not in attendance) and Sandra Braun
 - 7. Kiddush - Jerry Krautman
 - 8. Ohel Patuach - Essia Cartoon-Fredman
 - a) Has not received a lot of call for meal placement over the years
 - 9. DPL - Michelle Wolf (not in attendance) & Deborah Blum
- J. Bob Roosth (Webmaster/Mr. Fixit)
 - 1. Thanks for everything he does to assist the minyan, including managing website, laminating, fixing the bimah on his own initiative
 - 2. The LM website has been revamped. The content is pretty much the same but is more user-friendly and visually appealing. Includes contact information for everyone mentioned above. Text of divrei torah are usually up on the site within 24 hours of being sent to him.
- V. Ad hoc committees
 - A. Livestreaming
 - 1. Committee Members (Melissa Berenbaum, Larry Herman & Nina Golden) came up with a compromise position (livestreaming only on second day chag that is not shabbat and does not include yizkor and on the rare other joint services, with advanced warning and a section set up out of camera view). It is the job of the rosh to use his/her discretion to limit joint services to only when it is necessary. Because some members did not agree with this compromise and said it was too important to be decided by the Steering Committee, the policy will be put up for a vote of the general minyan via online poll.
 - B. Chapel/Plaques - (Committee members: Barry Rosenblatt, Diane Herman, Alisa Shudofsky, Barbara Breger, Sandra Braun)

1. Currently working with TBA regarding upgrades to the chapel, including deciding about alternative placement/display of memorial plaques

C. Mishaberachs

1. Carl Sunshine suggested adding emahot and the line “and keep them from mistakenly harming innocent people.” The changes were approved by the steering committee without objection, but others have since objected. The following people have volunteered to sit on an ad hoc committee to discuss and come up with acceptable language: Michael Berenbaum, Leon Rogson, Alan Broidy, Larry Herman, Carl Sunshine.

Meeting adjourned - approx. 1:45