

MINUTES FROM DION MEETING – (via phone) – Feb. 11,2019

Rabbi Dorit welcomed those in attendance via phone – due to harsh weather conditions: Barbara Emerson, Helen Barnes, Dianne Van Marter, Irene Ryke, Shimon Edut, Janet and David Meir, Sandra Terry and Bishop Barnes.

Minutes from January meeting had been sent electronically and were approved by voice vote.

Dianne presented the Treasurer's Report which was based on the last statement from the bank, At present we have \$4,827.80 in the checking account and \$4,000.71 in the savings account. We are expecting several deposits in the coming month for the Theater Night Fundraiser. The Treasurer's Report was accepted based on a motion by Bishop Barnes, seconded by Janet Meir, and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

- a. Shimon reported that we have sold over 100 tickets for the Theater Night Fundraiser on Sat, April 6 at the Bonstelle. The production of "Mama Mia" is a popular one . We will ask the theater for an additional 20 tickets since we have quite a number of positive responses and requests. The money is due by the end of February since we must pay WSU by March 6.
- b. Janet Meir said that the Literacy Tutoring is going well at Bagley, though we would still like to start a Math Tutoring program if we can find a coordinator. The Snack Pack Program is also going well – we have Christ Church Cranbrook who will deliver items for March, Rabbi Dorit's Bar Mitzvah student Evan Glick who will deliver items for April as part of his Humanities Project, and the month of May is covered by a donation from the Michigan Muslim Community Council. In addition we received a generous donation from Susan Dines which will be used for February. We may yet need a donor for June though the school will be out by the second or third week – so perhaps only one donation will be needed then. We are grateful to Bob Bruttell, to the Michigan Muslim Community Council, and to Temple Beth-El who have helped us sustain this program for this school year. Sandra Terry said that her Ford Hospital Retired Nurses Association want to donate hygiene products to help the students and will collect them at their May

meeting. Rabbi Dorit said she would check with the school if they can store these during the summer in the event that there is a large amount that can not be given all at once in May and June.

- c. Barbara Emerson reported on the plans for this year's Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 4 at Belle Isle. We have secured a sheltered site opposite from the Canoe/Kayak Rental area where there is also sufficient parking. The Picnic Committee will begin meeting this month – on Feb.17 at 6pm at the home of Rabbi Dorit. We will form subcommittees as in the past to deal with all the different aspects of this event. We have enough money in the bank, based on our projected Theater Night Fundraiser profits and other donations, to begin to finance this event; however, we will again seek other sponsors and donors to complete the coverage of this. Bishop Barnes offered to help with getting the news out to the media, especially the TV stations.
- d. Rabbi Dorit reported on the success of the Interfaith Service and Potluck held yesterday, Sunday, Feb. 1at Temple Emanu-El in Oak Park. About 75 people attended and we enjoyed a nice lunch with a presentation by Samaritas on helping New Americans settle here. Donations were collected to help these families. Then there was a beautiful and inspiring service with various clergy, dancers, singers, and piano accompaniment by Martin Mandelbaum. The theme of the interfaith service was “Welcoming The Stranger”. We are grateful to all who participated in the service and to those who brought delicious food for the potluck lunch. We will hold another one in late spring and then again in fall.
- e. Rabbi Dorit reported that our next Cultural Trip will be to the Chaldean-American Museum in West Bloomfield. We are looking at a possible tour there on Sunday, March 24, but this will be confirmed by our next meeting.
- f. We have arranged a potential Interfaith Trip to Israel and Jordan for March 2020 with a different agency – one that we had worked with three years ago – Tailor Made Tours. Chaplain Yvonne Moore Fant will report on this at our next meeting.

New Business:

- a. A Luncheon and Dessert with the interfaith women's group WISDOM and Detroit Unity Temple is planned for Sunday, May 5, Rabbi Dorit announced. DION and WISDOM will provide the desserts, and the Temple will provide lunch at a cost of \$6@. WISDOM members will also offer a panel of three women who have written about their interfaith journeys, and the new WISDOM book about this will be available for sale then. Flyers will be made shortly. The cost of renting space and services at the Temple will be divided between WISDOM and DION at approximately \$100 for DION.
- b. The DION Committee for Our LargeScale Fundraiser in two years was formed today – Barbara, Dianne, Janet, David, Helen and Lenore are on it. They will begin meeting in June and will also have an advisory meeting with the Awards Dinner Committee of the IFLC.

Reports from Partners

- a. There will be a MultiCultural Concert at the Newburgh United Methodist Church (Rev.Rodney Gasaway) on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 4pm.
- b. The 20th World Sabbath will be held at the Islamic House of Wisdom in Dearborn Heights on Sunday, March 3 at 4pm.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 11 at 6pm at the conference room of the son of Yvonne Fant Moore – 26999 Central Park Blvd in Southfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Terry and Rabbi Dorit

Recording Secretary Pres.