

DION Meeting

Minutes from December 9, 2019

Attendees: Rabbi Dorit, Shimon Edut, Helen Barnes, Lenora Brown, Barbara Emerson, Sharon Curran, Pam McKeever, Bert Vipond, Anthony Parham and Sandra Terry.

Treasurer's Report- Rev. Van Marter stated she will ask the bank for monthly statements online. Our saving acct. is \$6,001 and checking acct. \$3,989. The total amount is \$ 9,990. We are also being charged a \$5 a month fee by the bank, mainly for printing the statements.

Committee Reports

a)**Picnic 2020-** Rabbi Dorit reported that our original site – Shelter #3 has been reserved for August 23rd. The Picnic Committee will meet once a month starting in February. It will be our 10th anniversary. Our stage is being stored at the Church of Messiah near the park.

b)**Education-**There is a problem at Bagley School getting the 12 tutors started with the “Let’s Read” program, even though all have been trained and cleared also by DPSCD Police Dept. Rabbi Dorit will investigate the cause.

Central High School is doing well with the Snack Packs and personal hygiene items. We are good with supplies until April, 2020.

The principal would like three math tutors. He also wants help in purchasing swim suits for the students’ swim classes and swim team – they need 200.

Discussion was that this is too big an outlay for DION without any sponsorship. Pam McKeever said she would look into this.

c)**Interfaith Potluck Service-** Will be held at Bishop Coretta Vaughn’s church in Mid-February on E. Warren in Detroit. Possibly celebrate Black History Month.

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d)Theater Night – In April, 2020, the musical at the Bonstelle Theater this year is **Mary Poppins**. Reservations are being made now with Wayne State University for 100 tickets. Rabbi Dorit will get tickets as soon as possible.

e)Trip to Jordan and Israel Brochures are available and will be given out. Airfare is included in the total cost of the trip which is for 12 days – Oct. 15-27, 2020 - will be a little over \$4000. There will be meetings in Jan. and Feb. 2020. Dates will be announced.

f)Partners' Report-

-“Ask a Pagan” will be presented by the IFLC on Dec. 22nd from 3p.m - 5p.m at Temple Emanu-El in Oak Park. Amy Sari is one of the panel members.

-Sandra reported on Crime Stoppers' Christmas Party. She thanks DION's members and friends for their support and the many items given. Everyone was invited to attend.

-Barbara gave an overview about the Winterfest at Palmer Park. She stated over 1,000 people visited the event with rides and food. A Candlelight and Kwanza ceremony were performed. Several DION members attended and perhaps we can partner with the People For Palmer Park for future events.

Anthony Parham will visit New Jersey with members of the Metro Family Church for an international peace conference over the weekend of Dec. 27-Dec,29.

Submitted by,
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