

DION – MINUTES from Monday, July 13, 2020 (via ZOOM)

Attendees: Rabbi Dorit Edut, Shimon Edut, Sharon Curran, Cass Charrette, Janet and David Meir, Dr. Charlotte Sledge, Bert Vipond, Rev. David Kasbow, Father Tom Zerafa, Barbara Emerson, Helen Barnes, Rev. Dianne van Marter, and Sandra Terry.

Rabbi Dorit opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Each person shared what they were looking forward to this summer.

Minutes of June: These were sent electronically to all in advance. They were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Janet Meir to accept, and this was seconded by Sharon Curran. Barbara Emerson thanked Sandra Terry for including safety tips in last month's Minutes – and also reminded everyone to wear their face masks outside of their homes.

Treasurer's Report: We received a \$2,001.40 reimbursement check from Wayne State University for the down payment on the cancelled show "Mary Poppins" which was to have been our Annual Theater Night offering. A \$75 donation was also received from Susan Dines, a friend of Rabbi Dorit's. The Huntington Bank has discontinued charging us for monthly printed statements since we now get everything online. At present, our checking account balance is \$7,609.00 and our savings account balance is \$6,002.14. The total amount is \$13,611.14

A new check of \$1,700 from DION's checking account was issued to Burke's Sport Haven to pay for swimsuits for Central High School – after an equivalent amount was deposited from checks originally written to Central High School for this purpose (The school later found out that they could not accept personal checks) – in other words, there was no increase or decrease in the balance of our accounts as a result of these two transactions.

Committee Reports:

- a. Education -** Janet Meir stated that Summer School had started and we will have more information about the start of the fall semester at the next meeting. We had reported earlier that the Islamic Center of America's Women's Group gave us \$1,000 for Snack Packs and hygiene supplies for the fall at Central High School.

- b. Picnic** – The annual Interfaith Picnic at Belle Isle has been cancelled for this year. We will be able to request a date and site for next year August only as of August 1,2020.
- c. Fundraiser Dinner** - People are encouraged to contact Janet Meir if interested in being on this committee. They will research sites and prices for this event, tentatively scheduled for spring 2022 or 2023. A report will be given at the next meeting. Janet suggested that the months of April – June might offer better prices. At present we have set aside \$6,000 and hope to add an additional \$2,000 by the end of this year.
- d. Elections** – These will be held next month since we missed doing this at our usual June meeting. See Rabbi Dorit for open positions, including President and Treasurer.
- e. Statement on Racial Justice** – Martti Peeples and Janet Meir helped Rabbi Dorit to draft a statement representing our views as an organization. Wendy Wilder-Werner added some good edits. It was read to all present and approved. Our Media Manager Billy Whitehouse will post this on our DION website and Facebook page .
- f. REPORTS FROM PARTNERS AND GOOD AND WELFARE**
- **The Interfaith Leadership Council** will be holding its Annual Meeting and Virtual Luncheon on August 5 at 11:15 a.m. If interested in attending, please contact Rabbi Dorit. They are also planning on honoring DION at their Annual Dinner in October if it is not postponed or cancelled.
 - **Father Tom Zerafa – Michigan Call for Human Rights** - their fundraising dinner has also been cancelled due to the pandemic. However, he is trying to raise money for the trip next year to attend their summit meeting – he is accepting any donations for this.
 - **Metropolitan Family Church – Rev. David Kasbow** reported that they have inherited the job of putting together the huge faith-based directory that was formally produced by the Metropolitan Council of Churches of Detroit/Windsor which is now defunct. He wants to have listings for Interfaith Groups included. For further information please contact him via email at kasbow@earthlink.net.
 - **People’s Water Board – Cass Charrette** reports that they are visiting the City of Hamtramck now looking for homes without water. They are

informing people that their water can be now turned on for free, or for a fee of \$25 which can be paid later.

- **Methodist Faith Macomb Church – Rev. Dianne van Marter** – invites all DION members to attend their services which are on Go To Meeting or Facebook Live on Sundays at 10 a.m. The call-in number is 712-775-7000, access code: 119489#.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Terry

Recording Secretary

Be wise – Be safe – Be well