

## DION Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2021

**Attendees:** Rabbi Dorit, Shimon Edut, Anthony Parham, Sharon Curran, Wendy Wilder-Werner, Kalena Knox, Pastor Barry Randolph, Janet Meir, Barbara Emerson, Helen Barnes, Sandra Terry.

Meeting opened by Rabbi Dorit. Everyone introduced themselves.

**Financial Report:** Given by Rabbi Dorit-

Checking \$5,585.92    Saving \$6,002.75    Total \$11,588.67

\$56 from checking acct. for annual PO Box fee.

Membership campaign will start in May 2021.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Fundraising:** Janet stated that Burton Manor Hall is scheduling for 2022 and the down payment is \$1000. Marketing will be reported on next meeting.

**Report related to Fundraising:** Anthony opened a discussion about Cash App. Barbara stated she uses PayPal. The committee will discuss the benefits of both at a later date.

**Education:** Janet has not been able to talk to anyone at the school about tutoring. At the Faith Based Council Meeting, Rabbi Dorit asked about

tutoring. She was told that some student computers were not working and people were told bring them to school for exchange or repair.

They are using the learning centers at some of the schools to get help from teachers. Rabbi suggested that we could help them on Zoom at these learning center and we will check with the principals at Bagley and at Central H.S.

DION was asked to help Central High School in purchasing turkeys for seven needy families in November. In December, hygiene supplies, books, clothing and masks were given for the students. Rabbi stated we are good with Snack Packs up until March.

**Picnic:** We will start in March planning for the 2021 picnic. It will be Aug. 1 and the site at Belle Isle is reserved. It will be our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our budget is \$2,000-2,500 for expenses.

**Interfaith Service:** We can plan a service toward the end of February with singing and music via Zoom.

## **New Business**

Please join us for the virtual Interfaith Leadership Council (IFLC) Annual Awards Dinner, February 22, 2021. You can purchase a ticket or give a donation online with a link sent to you by Rabbi Dorit.

DION will be receiving the award for Interfaith Group of The Year.

**Good and Welfare:** Rabbi Dorit informed us that we are partners with Possibility Detroit/The Safest City in the World. This group wants to hear from those who live or work in the city. You can join them on Zoom at 7pm Thursdays to voice your opinion on the subject. Rabbi will email you the link.

Sandra talked about the Annual Winter Wonderland and the Toy Give-Away for Crime Stoppers children. Our \$5 a Month Fundraiser Club was discussed as a worthwhile project for others to donate to.

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Pastor Randolph and his team gave away toys for Christmas. His team consisted of Gross Pointe Police Dept, other churches and a Motown rapper. Children will showcase their work on Martin Luther King Day.

Pastor Randolph has a radio program (WMKM 1440) every day at noon. See Pastor if interested in being a guest on the show. He is also teaching other churches to be like his church.

Anthony Parham of Metro Family Church reports that Rev. Kasbow has a new leadership position on the national level. They are looking for a new church building around a central location, preferably the Southfield area. Need two classrooms, a fellowship hall and a parking lot.

Wendy stated that the Food Pantry at Temple Kol-Ami is doing well. Informed us that 79 more people came to get food there. She also stated that 1 out of 6 families in Metro Detroit have food insecurity. The Pantry needs new paper bags.

There are two events during MLK's weekend, Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. Wendy will send the links to Rabbi Dorit to share with DION.

Respectfully yours,

Sandra Terry -Recording Secretary