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Prayer, Learning and Fellowship -

Goldstein encouraged everyone to attend weekly 7 am minyan. This year we consistently had enough people attending, thus strengthening the service.

Goldstein encourages new members and guests to seek out information. He commented on Eric Silberman's Dvar Torah, wherein he expressed his love for CBS.

Aaron Howard was asked to expound on plans for adult education opportunity presented by Shavuot programming coming June 3rd.

K'hillot Shabbat weekend will be re-scheduled, probably for next April, 2015.

Peer led events, such as Ruach, Shabbat Singers, and Torah readers, make CBS special.

Building Community / Tikun Olam

Thanked Sisterhood and Men's Club leadership for their efforts. Goldstein also acknowledged how our members support each other.

Foundation for Our Financial Future

Still a challenge, but we have made strides. More information later when we discuss Budget. Endowment and annual giving are up.

Special Thanks to David Lewis (2 yrs), who is concluding his service on the Board of Trustees.

Goldstein also extended his thanks to the entire Board.

C. Religious Life Rabbi Ranon Teller

Rabbi Teller addressed his comments to the "Core" of the Shul. Thanked everyone for attending the Annual Meeting. Weekly shabbat services, including musical services, allow us to get together and become a strong, special community. Inspired Book Club, weekly Talmud Study at Teller's home, Monday am Sisterhood Study Group, 7 am Weekly Morning Minyan; Tot Shabbat, Ruach volunteers, MC morning breakfast and speakers contribute to a strong Core.

D. Religious Life - Lance Rhodes

Cantor Rhodes discussed the past year's events. Added new Ruach singers, shabbat and Torah daveners. B'nai Mitzvah student's learning experiences have been augmented by addition of technology. Rock Shabbat was introduced. We featured Diane Caplan, performer.

2. Nominations of Officer and Trustees - Milton Mosk, Chair of Nominating Committee

Gregg Sheen moved to accept by acclamation, seconded by Denies Mosk. Adequacy of those present so as to constitute Quorum was questioned; It was reported that Quorum was present. Vote was unanimous in favor of the proposed slate.

3. Proposed Budget - Tom Samuels

Tom discussed the shul's financial condition, impacted by the end of the Year of the Torah funds and a deficit operational condition.

Tom entertained and addressed questions from the Congregation.

33 voted for; Five opposed; and, three abstentions

Old Business

No Old Business was presented

New Business

George Engelhart questioned the membership of the Wolfthal Commission, suggesting that the membership should be made up of new members who did not contribute to our circumstance. Jeff Actor, a member of the Commission, assured everyone that the Commission was open and would consider suggestions and ideas from anyone and everyone.

Good and Welfare

Allan Goldstein said he learned that Zak, son of Mark Katzenellenbogen, recently participated in the Special Olympics Bellaire Law Enforcement Torch Run 2014.

Amy Halevy had two children who recently graduated. Allan congratulated all recent graduates.

Rabbi was elected to serve as the President of the Houston Rabbinical association.

Alan Goldsmith reported that his son, Jonathan, made alliyah to Israel. Alan's other son, Bradley, recently got married.

Andy Hoffman complained that it is too chilly. (He suggested that turning up the temperature might save the shul money). He also asked about Cantor Rhodes' status.

Leslie Weiner expressed her pleasure at the wonderful atmosphere in the shul.

Nancy Freed and her family have enjoyed Cantor Rhodes service to the shul.

Peter Gingham complimented Sisterhood on their successful regional convention.

Allan Goldstein congratulated Denise Mosk on assuming presidency of Sisterhood.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan Rubin,
Secretary