

CBS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES: February 19, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Allan Goldstein, President, at approx. 7:10 pm.

The following persons were present:

Allan Goldstein; Stephan Rubin; Moshe Even; Marc Malacoff; Michael Engelhart; Aaron Howard; Mitch Kreindler; Steve Conaway; Seth Lerner; Denise Mosk; Solomon Lahana; Karen Bernstein; Milton Mosk; and, Amy Halevy.

Also in attendance were the following persons: Rhoda Goldberg; Larry Estes; Rabbi Teller; Steve Lerman; Terry Gardner; and, Moshe Vardi.

Students, Emma Fiesinger; Maya Teller; and Carol Lahana, accompanied Debi Mishael at the meeting.

The following items of business were addressed at the meeting:

1. Debi Mishael's class conducted a Voting Experiment with the Board to explain Israel elections vs the American experience of voting. Students, Emma Fiesinger; Maya Teller; and Carol Lahana participated in the informative presentation, which included explaining and demonstrating how voting is done in Israel, with Board members actually voting.

2. Israel committee

Terry Gardner and Steve Lerman presented their idea for a CBS Israel Advocacy committee. Terry says we, as American Jews, have an obligation to support Israel. Proposed Committee would inform congregants as to how they can help with security. Allan advised the Board that this would not be a standing committee. They say they are not looking to CBS as a source of funding for their activities. Questions were entertained by Terry and Steve. Mitch Kreindler asked how the proposed committee would differ from AIPAC. CBS does not have such a committee. Jeff Actor suggested that they form a Special Interest Group. Vigorous discussion ensued.

Jeff Actor moved that the Board adopt a resolution supporting the formation of a special interest group to support Israel, seconded by Solomon Lahana. Discussion ensued. Michael Engelhart moved to table the Board's action on the Motion; no second. Amy Halevey suggested we first see if there is interest in forming a committee, versus a club. Amy moved that we form an ad hoc committee, seconded by Lahana. Votes for the Motion = 11, 4 against, and 2 abstentions. Aaron Howard was appointed Board Liaison by Allan Goldstein. Steve Lerman and Terry Gardner will be Co-Chairs, per Allan Goldstein.

3. Congregant concern for general membership vote on Interim plan (Moshe Vardi)

Moshe Vardi explained his concerns about the decision making process by the Board that led to the formation and implementation of the Interim Plan. Discussion ensued. Milton Mosk

suggested that Rabbi Teller update the Congregation at the Annual Meeting and seek other opportunities to explain and discuss why and how the Interim Plan works for CBS.

4. Interim plan update

We have reached an agreement as to material terms and conditions of contract with David Krohn, per Allan Goldstein.

5. Community High School (Mitch Kreindler)

Efforts underway to create a Community High School, Per Mitch. Declining numbers in our high school due to poor retention rate after Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We can create a social environment with a larger nucleus of students. Financial impact would be positive. Mitch's motion was seconded by Amy Halevy. Allan advised the Board the matter needs to be tabled for a fuller discussion at the next Board meeting. Rubin moved to suspend rule so Education Council can act this Sunday at 6:30 pm. No second. Board will entertain Kreindler's Motion at the Next regularly scheduled meeting in March.

5. Financial and membership update

Milton Mosk said we will still be down financially at end of year, despite 10th Anniversary net revenue. Milton expressed, again, the need for CBS to develop and implement plan to address financial shortfall.

Karen Bernstein mentioned the need to discuss kitchen finances. More to follow at next Board meeting when Karen is better prepared.

6. USCJ sale of office building – direction for vote

Larry Estes presented the matter to the Board for consideration and vote. Discussion ensued. Grant Caplan, seconded by Amy Halevy, moved we approve the motion, approved by the Board unanimously.

7. Purim

Rabbi Teller announced we will have dueling pianos for entertainment. Sisterhood to distribute Mishloach Manot during Purim celebration, per Denise Mosk.

9. Rhodes interviews and farewell

Allan Goldstein announced March 28 will be the Farewell event and discussed a gift. Allan solicited a motion to give Lance a gift. Fred Floershiemer is organizing the event. Donations for the luncheon are being sought.

9. Annual meeting date

Allan Goldstein announced that the Annual Meeting will take place on a date to be determined by EC.

10. Legacy program from Grinspoon Institute

Larry Estes said we are part of a community to create legacy financial commitment supporting institutions, representing an opportunity to raise additional funds.

11. Director of Membership update

No report presented at this meeting.

12. Gift Agreement - Naming policy

Allan Goldstein reported on Mosk /Sheena financial gift. EC discussed the need for an established policy to be developed by the Financial Affairs Committee, led by Seth Lerner.

Good and Welfare

Allan Goldstein promoted attendance at the Kehillot Shabbaton.

Mitch Kreindler promoted Kosher Chili Cookoff at JCC on March 8th. Volunteers are being sought.

Allan announced Friday Nite Ruach tomorrow, in conjunction with Kleiman Bat Mitzvah.

Deadline is 2/27 for Sisterhood's Mishloach Manot, per Denise Mosk, via Milton Mosk.

Grant Caplan expressed appreciation to the Board and staff for support of the 10th Anniversary.

Seth Lerner reported that his wife, Karen, attended BBYO convention and she was invited to serve on International Board.

Tzedakah collected \$58.10.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:09 pm

Congregation Brith Shalom (CBS) is an Egalitarian Conservative Jewish synagogue that strives to be:

An intimate community that welcomes everyone as family, encouraging personal relationships with our spiritual leaders and each other;

A spiritual community that is created through personal growth and active participation;A

compassionate community that cares for every member, for klal yisrael, and for all people in need;

A learning community that seeks deeper knowledge of Torah and commitment to Jewish values;

A sacred community that nurtures every individual's Jewish journey.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan Rubin,
Secretary