

CBS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES: June 13, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Allan Goldstein, President, at approx. 7:00 pm..

The following persons were present:

Allan Goldstein; Stephan Rubin; Tom Samuels; Aaron Howard; David Lewis; Grant Caplan; Karen Bernstein; Leah Wolfthal; David Lewis; Milton Mosk; Peter Gingiss; and, Steve Conaway.

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Rhoda Goldberg, Advisor; and, Larry Estes, Executive Director.

The following items of business were addressed at the meeting:

1. Shalom Cypress

Shalom Cypress Initiative, according to Milton Mosk, consists of a group of individuals in Cypress, Texas who were interested in support organizing activities. We formed an alliance, per last Board, providing some services, including religious school curriculum and teacher who volunteered to teach one day per week. Rabbi and Cantor also made appearances. Time to re-evaluate at end of school year.

Per Allan Goldstein, some of their group are congregants of CBS. Some of them feel like affiliation is a possibility; others were looking for independence. They would like for us to come out on a regular basis; we are unwilling to go that far. USCJ has provided some funding. Our contribution was personnel capital. Question is should we continue this program. Discussion ensued. Allan Goldstein proposed that we continue for another six months. Conclusion, per Allan, we have tentative approval but need for them to send a representative to our Board meeting to present their desires and goals and ways we can work together.

2. Bimah sitting

A congregant expressed interest in having a Board Member sitting on the Bimah. Discussion ensued. Per Allan Goldstein, it is proposed that no Board Member sit during Friday night service unless Bar /Bat Mitzvah. Since there is typically no one on the Bimah (unless there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah), on Shabbat it was suggested we have a Board Member sit on Bimah during Torah service (as opposed to beginning at time services on Saturday begin). Board Member (or President) can make announcements and welcome guests, new members etc... Consensus of the group was to try it.

3. Financial overview

Tom Samuels presented the Financial Report. David Lewis asked as to the status of the Fund Development Program. Allan Goldstein indicated that a Committee is meeting next

Monday to discuss jump starting the effort in that regard.

4. Facilities and enhancement issues

David Lewis reported that he and Marc Malacoff met with the Enhancement Committee. Discussed projects that require prioritized attention. Intent to have the two committees work together. David Lewis discussed our use of Security Grant funds per proposal. Should hear back regarding the proposal in September, 2013.

Allan Goldstein reported that the combined committees toured the property. (Allan encourages all Board Members to do so). Plans to replace partitions for the restrooms; exterior inlaid carpet in mid-July; sidewalk repair will occur on Monday.

Several congregants expressed complaints that Social Hall restrooms are inadequate. Real issue when we have special events. Condition of bathrooms have not been given any attention in many years. Allan Goldstein told them it was a resource issue. They found someone to fund approximately half the cost. Selected congregants will be asked to give funds in smaller amounts that would not interfere with larger fund raising campaign.

5. Installation - June 22

Officers and Board Members will be installed at CBS at 9:30 am.

6. Board Orientation

Interest was shown by attendees in having an Orientation event.

7. Committee - team representation and coordination

Allan Goldstein said he believes that getting Board Members involved in a team approach will benefit the shul. A greater effort to solicit new members is also called for. Lena Malacoff was selected by Allan Goldstein to lead membership drive. Board Members should also view themselves in active role of promoting and making connection with new, prospective members. Attention was also given to article by Hayim Herring, which suggests that our shul is akin to an eco-system (get the book!). Solicited membership solicitation strategies from Board. Discussion ensued.

8. Friday Night Ruach - Food and Cost

Event is not covering its costs. Milton Mosk suggested we cease offering food because the event draws regardless of the food. Board members discussed various ideas and suggestions to cover costs. David Lewis will make inquiries to see how assessing costs to young families would be received and report back to Board. Grant Caplan will work on developing survey questions to be used to ascertain needs and plans for future Ruach events and budgeting.

9. Membership strategies

Board discussion of this item was combined with Item #7 above.

10. Diane Kaplan Concert

Concert is scheduled for August 4, 2013.

11. Sulam Leadership for emerging leaders - Young leaders task force

Rabbi and others would need to be trained as future leaders if we decide to move forward with this program. Grant Caplan asked about the time commitment. Steve Conaway indicated that he, Rebecca Weiner, and others will be meeting to discuss leadership related issues.

12. USCJ Centennial

Board Members are invited to attend the USCJ event.

The following items were also discussed:

Allan Goldstein announced that David Marbin resigned as Men's Club president and efforts are underway to replace him

(Larry Estes was excused from the Board Meeting due to a discussion regarding staff.)

Allan Goldstein updated the Board regarding Lance Rhodes' tenure at CBS.

Old Business

No Old Business was presented

New Business

Good and Welfare

Letter from Dan Glina was read by Stephan Rubin, Secretary, to the Board, wherein Glina expressed their pleasure and satisfaction with the Religious School experience their daughter enjoyed this past year.

Grant Caplan also expressed similar feelings about the Religious School.

Larry Estes reported Hayim Herring will be our Yom Limmud scholar in residence in February, 2014. We receive grant money and the shul will contribute to cost of bringing him in. Traylen and Becca Evans announced birth of a daughter, Liat Grenadir Evans.

Grant Caplan asked how can CBS become THE congregation for LGBT and other special interest groups.

\$27.24 in Tzedakah was collected.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan Rubin,
Secretary