

CBS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 15, 2013

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

The following persons were present:

Allan Goldstein; Stephan Rubin; Jeff Actor; <mailto:leah.wolfthal@gmail.com>, David Lewis; Karen Lukin; Sherri Taxman; Leah Wolfthal; Peter Gingiss; Karen Bernstein; Sheldon Weisfeld; Henry Jakob; Mitch Kreindler; Marc Malacoff; Michael Engelhart; and, Seth Lerner.

Also in attendance were the following persons: Rabbi Ranon Teller; Larry Estes; and, Leonard Goldstein.

The following items of business were addressed at the meeting:

1. Financial Update

Positive cash balance. .

2. Membership Snapshot – initiatives

Membership units discussed. Religious School numbers also covered. Slow growth is being experienced.

3. Committee updates – Executive Director evaluation team

RPC - per, Sheldon Weisfeld, High Holiday honors assignments have been made. Will be working on survey. Jeff Actor encouraged Board members to volunteer to usher; see Glenn Lowenstein. Marc Malacoff expressed concern over signage. Karen Bernstein suggested each different pledge correspond with a different color envelope.

Membership Committee - per Peter Gingiss, New Member get together scheduled for afternoon of 10/13.

Facilities Planning Committee - per Marc Malacoff: entry done; bathroom renovation is underway and on target for completion date. Raised approximately \$53,000. Can still donate and receive acknowledgment. Per Allan Goldstein, Velva Levine's birthday celebration was outstanding and she appreciated Larry and office staff handling everything.

Executive Director Evaluation committee appointed by Allan Goldstein consists of Martin Kay, Karen Lukin, Stephen Rubin and Nachum Dafny.

4. Restroom Renovation see above

5. Friday Night Ruach (“FNR”) – update from last meeting

Starting in October. David Lewis reported on his informal survey; mixed response. He also mentioned Alan Goldsmith's discussion at Men's Club meeting - in the beginning, Ruach planners served to save cost of labor / serving. Allan Goldstein suggested we charge. David Lewis reminded the Board that, per article promoted by Allan Goldstein, communal effort to prepare and serve promotes good values. Committee formed with David Lewis and his wife, Leah Wolfthal and Karen Bernstein to discuss operations decision. Larry Estes pointed out that there is no funding in budget.

6. Hayim Herring activities and plan for Benefactor event

Rabbi Teller spoke about subsidy for scholar in residence in connection with Yom Limmud in February. Rabbi Herring is an engaging super smart Jewish leader! Allan Goldstein said we are going to have a Benefactor program, probably Havdalah with program. Need location.

7. CJ Online – Voices of Conservative/Masorti Judaism

Aaron Howard reported on these articles suggested by Allan Goldstein.

-Big Tent or Narrower Tent by Michael Cohen - "Can't go backwards"

-It's About People, Not Programs by Dr. Ron Wolfson - "Relational Judaism"

8. High Holidays – Modim initiative – Kever Avot

Kever Avot, per Rabbi Teller, concerns visiting cemetery between High Holidays. Plan is to do it after Taslich with a brief program.

Modim initiative is about cultivating gratitude. Programming to come.

9. Volunteer Shabbat

Event will be held during the Shabbat between High Holidays and Sukkoth - 9/21

10. Fundraising coordination

Safrai Gallery - March 8-9, 2014; Jeff Actor moved to approve, Sheldon Weisfeld seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed without objection. Committee to be formed.

Cantor Concert - Discussion about potential concert. Decided to review with Fund Development Committee..

11. High Holiday telephone greetings from Board members

Script handed out.

12. Endowment Campaign and Fund Development Committee

Report by Seth Lerner, Campaign Cabinet reformulated and moving forward. Will be operational over next few weeks.

13. Social media, website and communications advisory team progress

Allan Goldstein wants committee to expand with younger participants.

14. Texas Kheillot Shabbaton

Camp Young Judaea; May 2-4, 2014. There will be about 15 Conservative Congregations participating and 9 Rabbis. Allan Goldstein explained the financial risk. \$1,000 deposit is refundable until January 1st. Other shuls will contribute to make up the \$1,000 deposit. After that date commitment is 40 participants at about \$180-200 a participant. Each participating synagogue will be jointly and severally liable.

15. Diane Kaplan Concert Review

Fair attendance; inspirational.

16. USCJ Centennial

Allan Goldstein will attend as official representative for CBS

17. Good and Welfare

Allan Goldstein encouraged everyone to attend Saturday services when we celebrate Aaron Howard's wedding anniversary.

Marc Malacoff encouraged everyone to take personal responsibility for appearance of shul and set example.

Karen Bernstein said cows need to be treated better in this country and informed Board that grass fed beef available from company located in Atlanta and ordered a quantity; Allan encouraged her to post on Brith Shalom Facebook.

Michael Engelhart informed Board of (1) cold breakfast being served to parents who want to hang around after dropping off kids at religious school; (2) breakfast program on Affordable Care Act. Bowling this Sunday night at 6 pm. \$13 for two hours and shoes. Bring Teens and Tweens. Will serve Pizza from Sabas. Mike will pick up bowling tab for anyone who bowls 300. Softball and Blood Drive on 8/28.

Allan Goldstein announced teen BBQ on 8/28 coordinated by Men's Club and asked for volunteers.

Sherri Taxman, did not discuss big training for Sisterhood Board, but discussed Cookbook being sold in Gift Shop for \$18.

Allan Goldstein thanked Sisterhood for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush luncheon.

Tzedakah: the sum of \$57.75 was collected.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan Rubin,
Secretary