

Congregation Brith Shalom Board Meeting

Minutes

November 15, 2012

CBS First Vice President Allan Goldstein called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Allen Goldstein, Jeffrey Actor, Karen Lukin, Martin Kay, Rhoda Goldberg, Steve Conaway, Peter Gingiss, Amy Halevy, Ellen Heffler, Tom Samuels, Sheldon Weisfeld, Leah Wolfthal, Wendy Conaway, Lisa Estes, Maxine Goodman, Sherri Taxman, Rabbi Ranon Teller and Larry Estes, Executive Director. Visitor- Mark Katzenellebogen

Rabbi Teller gave a D'var Torah on Parashah Toldot. Just as Jacob and Rebecca were concerned about the future of the next generation, the CBS Board should be concerned with the next generation of the Jewish people as well as the present generation.

President's Report

Karen Lukin, Chair of the Governance Team, reported on the progress the team has made:

-Board will be made of 18-21 members

5 representatives of Standing Committees –Religious practices, Education Council, Building/Grounds, Membership and und Development

Immediate past President

President of Men’s Club

President of Sisterhood

3-5 at large members

-The Executive Committee will be reduced from seven members to six members.

-The Annual Budget will be approved by the Board

There will be an open meeting for the membership prior to board approval.

The Budget can be voted down by a vote of 60% of members who are present at the Annual Meeting.

-The size of a required quorum for the Annual meeting has not been determined.

Financial Report

Martin Kay, Financial Vice President, reported that both revenues and expenses are on track. The attached agenda gives the details. The deficit reflected in the revenue line will be made up as larger donors fund their commitments.

Endowment/Legacy Campaign Report

Seth Lerner reported that three parlor meetings have been scheduled:

December 2- Maxine and Steve Goodman’s home

December 16- Grant Caplan's home

January 13-Seth Lerner's home

Follow up meetings with three top donors are being held. This includes an education grant.

A representative of the Houston Jewish Community Foundation will present a program on legacy giving on December 11.

The four Board members who have not yet been asked to contribute to the Campaign will be approached.

The Campaign cabinet has been reconstituted and will be meeting on a regular basis.

Rabbi's Report

Rabbi Teller reported on an opportunity to sponsor a Shabbat dinner at the University of Texas at Austin Hillel, possibly on January 22, 2013.

Rabbi Teller also discussed a possible initiative that he is exploring to have a CBS presence in the Cypress area. There are about 25-30 families in the area that are interested in a Conservative Jewish presence. Currently, one family belongs to CBS and another family sends children to the Religious school.

Milton Mosk , Rabbi Teller and Cantor Levine met with representatives of the group. The Cypress residents would like religious school once a week for the children, adult education

programs and Shabbat services once a month that would be led by Rabbi Teller or Cantor Rhodes.

USCJ is interested in helping finance this program. The participants and CBS would also contribute.

The Executive Committee will be looking into this. A report will be sent to the Board before the December Board meeting.

Old Business- None

New Business

Rhoda Goldberg moved that the Congregation Brith Shalom Board allocate \$500.00 from the College Fund to help fund the cost of a Shabbat inner at Hillel at the University of Texas at Austin. Said dinner will be sponsored by Congregation Brith Shalom in association with those UT parents and Alumni who also contribute toward this dinner.

This motion was seconded by Lisa Estes.

This will not affect the program of sending CBS college students packages for the holidays.

Sheldon Weisfeld amended the motion(seconded by Peter Gingiss) to require a CBS clergy member be present at the dinner.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

Rhoda Goldberg made a motion that the Congregation Brith Shalom Board allocates \$500.00 from the Board Tzedakah Fund to help South Baldwin Jewish Center, which was impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

This was seconded by Amy Halevy and passed . There was one vote against the motion.

Major Upcoming Events

Sisterhood Bazaar and Mah Jong Tournament- November 18

Mitzvah Day- December 9

Learning, Legacy and Latkes- December 11

Chanukah program-December 12

Gourmet Shabbat Dinner-December 14

Good and Welfare- Thank you to Allen for running a very good meeting.

\$76.00 in tzedakah was collected.

Allen Goldstein adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhoda L. Goldberg
Secretary

