

CBS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES: May 21, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Actor, President, at approx. 7:00 pm.

The following persons were present:

Jeffrey Actor; Allan Goldstein; Dani Roisman; Stephan Rubin; Marc Malacoff; Aaron Howard; Steve Lerman; Seth Lerner; Jacobo Goldberg; Mitch Kreindler; Karen Bernstein; Milton Mosk; and, Amy Halevy.

Also in attendance were the following persons: Larry Estes

Jeff Actor, President, welcomed the new Board.

The following items of business were addressed at the meeting:

1. President's Report - Jeff Actor

Welcome.

Goals for term.

- * Build Board spirituality.
- * Improve Communications
Strengthen with Congregation
Between Board and EC
- * Cultivate leadership
- * Increase membership engagement
- * Improve Financial stability
Programs (cyclical and targeted), Endowment,
Maintain daily operations
- * Physical growth
Members; Goal: Increase 5% total family units per year (average
approx 2-4 per month)
- * Increase presence of CBS in greater Houston community

Expectations from team.

- * Have fun! Enjoy giving back to our community
- * Open and honest discussion of issues.
- * Teamwork towards common goals
- * Visible leadership
- * Communication to members

2. Rabbi's Report

- * Rabbi Teller sends his blessings to the new Board of Trustees.

3. Board Organization and Duties

We were voted to serve as representatives of the congregation. Primary goals: Support the health of the synagogue.

- * People and introductions - Board members introduced themselves to the other Board members.
- * Responsibilities (per Jeff Actor)
 - * Lead committees and Programs
 - * Communication with congregation
 - * Support financial health of synagogue
 - * Bimah assignments
 - * Making calls to members

4. Financial Report - Milton Mosk

Milton Mosk presented a FYTD 2015 Income Statement @ 4/30. Jeff wants us to focus on getting financially stable so we do not have to borrow to pay bills. Seth Lerner asked about the projected deficit.

Milton also presented a Report on the Building Fund. Discussion ensued. Jeff tabled further discussion to the Financial Affairs Committee to address and report to the Board.

5. Old/New Business

Approval of minutes from April meeting.

Fund Development -Jeff Actor

- * Overall Goals and Objectives
- * Plan for FY2016
 - * Benefactor Event – August
 - * David Krohn Concert – December or February
 - * Men’s Club Ball - December
 - * Casino night – December or February
 - * Bart’s Funeral – March 26, 2016 (Purim)
- * Longer term Plans
 - * Celebrating 60 years of CBS – Fall/Winter 2016
- * Endowment and Jewish Legacy
- * GOAL IMPLEMENTATION

Items for Immediate Attention - Jeff Actor

- * Interim Transition - Committee formed at Special Meeting has not met. Mitch Kreindler is Chair; Amy Halevy is EC Liason. Allan Goldstein explained what is the Interim Transition Committee.
- * Building Repair Fund - discussed above
- * Nominating Committee - Motion to Extend Deadline for President to form a Nominating Committee by Aaron Howard, seconded Amy Halevy. Board voted in favor ; two abstentions.
- * Installation Shabbat - June 13th
 - * Torah readers (filled!)
 - * Lunch sponsorship

Items for Attention (coming weeks) - Jeff Actor

- * Education – Asst. Ed. Director hire - Contract offered to Anna Blum. Mitch Kreindler vouched for her.
- * Review of communications
 - * Social media, e-mails
 - * Donor follow-up
- * Facilities report - Moshe Even reported that August 30th will be next date for projects to be done at the shul. Moshe asked the Board to come up with a new name instead of “CBS Proud.”
- * Board retreat
 - August 9th (tentative)

Items for Attention (coming year) - Jeff Actor

- * Capital Project Needs
- * Kitchen +/- Social Hall

Good and Welfare

Elliot Gershenson - Board recognized the honor extended to him for his many years of service as Executive Director of Interfaith Ministries and Board congratulated him and wished him well in retirement.

Milton Mosk announced his son Josh was admitted into graduate school. Denise and Milton have found a new residence.

Amy Halevy son's is playing baseball at Penn University.

Mitch Kreindler thanked Allan Goldstein for his years of service as President and Board position.

Seth Lerner encouraged attendance at the Annual Federation Meeting for next Tuesday.

Moshe Vardi was nominated to the National Academy of Science.

Installation Shabbat on June 13
Next Board Meeting on June 18
Every 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00pm.

Tzedakah collected \$53.00.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 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,
Temporary Secretary