

TBI Board Meeting October, 20, 2014

In Attendance: Geraldine Moreno-Black, Bruce Kreitzberg, Scott Fellman, Alan Leiman, Nathan Philips, Justine Lovinger, Mindy Schlossberg, Maram Epstein, Nina Korican, Rabbi Boris, Hap Ponedel, Marsha Ginsberg, Amy Steckel, Michael Griffel, Craig Starr

Absent: Aura Solomon, Richard Shugar, Rabbi Yitz

Torah Study – Rabbi Boris led a teaching on the story of Noah. He discussed the movie Noah and its differences to the Torah story. He also taught that the word “teva” means both “ark” and “word” and how the story’s meaning changes depending on the interpretation of “teva.”

Public Forum/New Business – There was no one present for public forum. There have been several deaths in our community recently and Maram thanked Rabbi Boris for helping the community through the difficult time.

Approval of Minutes – the September 11, 2014 minutes were approved as is.

Nominating Committee Report – Nathan reported that Marsha has agreed to be Secretary in the upcoming year. Richard Argosh and Jeff Kirtner have agreed to be on the Board. There will be 10 Board members.

By-law Revisions – Alan reported that he will have the revisions completed by spring. Scott and Craig agreed to help with this effort. Once there is a draft, there will be a discussion about specific areas that may need changes and the Board will be able to comment. The issue of who is a voting member is a hot topic. We will have a Board retreat in January to discuss the by-laws and we will discuss the possibility of scheduling a special congregational meeting before the retreat to enable a community process.

Finance Report – Amy reported that the August financial statements have been reviewed and no questions or issues arose. We are going to follow the recommendations of the OJF to invest Talmud Torah endowment funds. The finance committee will review the September financial statements this Wednesday at their monthly meeting. Talmud Torah’s endowment fund has increased by \$21,000. Our net income is \$20,000 over budget, but it is still too early in the fiscal year to make predictions.

TBI NOW and Life and Legacy - Nathan reported that the TBI NOW committee hopes to close out the campaign by Shavuot. We only need about \$170,000 more. We have \$280,000 in unpaid pledges.

For Life and Legacy, Maram reported that we met our goal of receiving 12 letters of intent for last year. There are 3 more waiting to be signed for next year.

Executive Director - Nina’s report is attached. She urged the Board to become ambassadors for new members.

Rabbi Report – Rabbi Boris’ report is attached.

The Board went into executive session.