

January 9, 2014

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

Absences: None

Torah Study- Rabbi Boris led a Torah study on setting a good example. He spoke about this week's parsha and how Moses was rewarded for doing the right thing while the Israelites were misbehaving.

Public Forum – Oriana Kahn-Hurwit came and spoke about the Jewish Federation. She gave a brief description of Federation programs, specifically Jewish Family Services. She is looking for volunteers and is currently doing a Needs Assessment to determine what the community needs. There are some upcoming talks about caregiving and ageing. Future programs include a lending library for durable medical equipment and she is also working on an adopt-a-grandparent and adopt-a-parent program. There is a Federation Facebook page and she encouraged folks to “Like” them to help with outreach. Federation is looking for new Board members.

New Business – the Preschool committee is up and running. It will be chaired by Cheryl Henderson and Debbie Laimon.

A concern about security during Shabbat morning services was brought up. Maram will create a task force that will look at various solutions, including having greeters at the door each week or hiring a custodian to be on site with a cell phone. Nina suggested in the meantime that the regular Saturday morning attendees take turns greeting unfamiliar guests. Michael will organize this.

Minutes – there was no December meeting and minutes from the November meeting will be approved next time.

Finances – The committee has not yet met to review the latest report, mainly due to the lag time in getting the report from the bookkeeper because the finance reports are due the second Monday of the month. The committee is trying to address this issue, but some months the report will not be ready by the Board meeting due to when the second Monday falls.

TBI Now – We are slightly under \$700,000 in pledges. Our goal is to make another \$100,000 payment by Tu b'Shevat. Our financial statements aren't ready yet however, so Nathan is not sure how close we are to this goal. That information will be emailed out on Monday.

Membership/Dues Subcommittee – Maram has created a subcommittee to look at how to increase membership without alienating new folks by the dues structure while encouraging members to pay a fairer share of dues. The task force will make recommendations to the Board before the May meeting.

ED Report – Nina submitted a copy of her report. Highlights include: Nina has hired someone to run the auction. The new coordinator will contact members to volunteer. She reminded everyone that the Board installation will take place at services this Friday night. There will be a Board retreat this spring – a Doodle poll will be sent out. We will be celebrating TBI's 80 year anniversary. Maram will create a task force to create a community celebration. Federation will take over PJ library.

Rabbi Report – Rabbi Boris just returned to work. He reported that a Tu b'Shevat seder will take place next week. A purim celebration is being planned.