

## **TBI Board Meeting April 10, 2014 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**In Attendance:** Maram Epstein, Marsha Ginsberg, Scott Fellman, Nathan Phillips, Amy Steckel, Justine Lovinger, Craig Starr, Rabbi Boris, Hap Ponedel, Michael Griffel, Geraldine Moreno-Black, Aura Solomon, Nina Korican, Rabbi Yitz

**Absent:** Bruce Kreitzberg, Alan Leiman, Mindy Schlossberg, Richard Shugar,

### **Opening blessing**

**Torah study:** led by Rabbi Boris. Lessons are gratitude and blessings.

**Public Forum:** None

**Budget proposal for coming year presented by Amy Steckel:** The proposed budget includes lowering the mortgage interest assessment (MIA) to \$390 per household, this is possible because of a reduction in principle and interest balances due to TBI Now contributions paying down principle. Motion to approve proposed budget moved by Nathan, seconded by Scott. Budget proposal unanimously approved.

**Proposed changes to dues and lifecycle fees presented by Marsha (prepared by Marsha and Bruce):** In order to make dues less of a barrier and more welcoming, the following proposal was developed: (please insert written proposal here). Motion to adopt the proposal, with amendment to publicize 1<sup>st</sup> year membership/rate, that qualifications for twenty something rate be clarified and “single” be changed to “household”, effective July 1, 2014, made by Scott and seconded by Nathan. Unanimously approved.

**New Business:** None.

### **Discussion of March 13, 2014 TBI Board Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes amended/corrected by Hap: The section of the minutes that says “We have currently raised \$785,000”, should read “We have currently received \$785,000 in pledges.”

**Request for TBI sponsorship of Human Rights Speaker presented by Geraldine:** (Shui Meng) Please insert wording/name from Geraldine) Unanimously approved.

**Executive Director Report:** In addition to the written comments, the following was shared: A taste of Melton, April 24. It is important for people interested in Melton to attend the “Taste” or sit in on an actual session---as the course style works for some and not for others. Appreciation from Maram given to Rabbi Boris and Nina for bringing Melton. Nina talked about the importance of the Auction----very important fundraiser for TBI. Mark your calendars—attend. Please also solicit donors for auction items. Restaurant certificates are popular. Auction invitations going out next week.

**Rabbis' Reports:** In addition to the written reports, the following was shared: PJ Library is shifting to stewardship by the Federation. New system for tracking pastoral work has been very helpful. Oregonians for alternatives to the death penalty group will be holding an event at TBI in mid-May---Richard Stack will be the Keynote Speaker - the event will allow public discourse. Rabbi Yitz is hoping to offer a course about Jewish perspectives on the death penalty in the Fall. Encouraged people to look into on-line learn Hebrew module.

**Reviewing Strategic Goals developed at Board Retreat on April 6, 2014:**

- **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**
  - Confirmed: September 6, 2014, Havdalah, Celebration and Anniversary Cake
  - Proposed: Story Corp approach to tell oral history of TBI. Need committed people with skills to make it happen. (Comment made that TBI members do not have a strong sense of TBI history.
  - In process: Throw-back Thursday – posting on Face Book of TBI pictures from the TBI archives .
  - Brief discussion : Should photos of TBI presidents’ pictures should adorn the walls of TBI- --Art and Aesthetics Committee would need to vet this , if it is desired.
  - Brief discussion: Creating a “history wall”, to show history of TBI.
- Rabbi Yitz noted that we cannot correct past lack of keeping a strong history of TBI, but moving forward we can be aware and take action to do more --- we need to find committed folks. Please think folks who are interested and willing to help.
  
- **Ask Committee Chairs to discuss how to increase member engagement within their committee’s topical area/focus.**

**Adjourn: 8:50pm**