

Minutes of TBI Board Meeting
December 10, 2015 at 7 pm

Present: Nathan Philips, Marsha Ginsberg, Nina Korican, Maram Epstein, Justine Lovinger, Richard Argosh, Richard Shugar, Michael Griffel, Hap Ponedel, Aura Solomon, Bruce Kreitzberg, Jeff Kirtner, Rabbi Ruhi Sophia, Craig Starr, Geraldine Moreno-Black

Absent: Mindy Schlossberg (on sabbatical), Amy Steckel, Scott Fellman

Visitors: Kellee Weinhold, Pearl Wolfe

Agenda

Torah Study – Rabbi Ruhi lead a discussion of the meaning of the Chanukah candles

Minutes of the November 5, 2015 Board Meeting were approved by acclamation

Retiring Board Members Hap Ponadel, Marsha Ginsberg and Richard Sugar were thanked for their service and Channukah candles were lit.

Directory Appeal and Development: Kellee Weinhold asked for Board support in soliciting businesses to advertise in the directory. She also spoke of the success of Giving Tuesday that followed Thanksgiving (it raised \$941) and of plans for a series of small events to make “tzedakah” a notion accessible to all people of whatever financial means. Next up: Jan.7 baking challah and Jan.10 breakfast.

Staff Reports

Executive Director: Nina is still working to fill the Engagement Coordinator position and made an offer to an applicant this week. The Board agreed to take the Tikkun tab on the website down, but a decision about removing the Rabbi Search tab will be made after Michael consults with his committee. ED report is attached.

Rabbi Ruhi Sophia: report is attached

Talmud Torah: Gretchen Lieberman's report is attached

Finance Update:

The refinancing has been completed.

Portland Street property is on track to close. The Board reviewed a resolution to authorize the President to execute documents necessary to complete the sale to Network Charter School. Maram moved to approve the resolution, Craig seconded, and the motion passed.

A discussion of the title report and an exception related to the prior sale to Portland Street Child Development Center took place. Because the resolution approved was limited to fee simple title which could be inadequate if the title exception is not cleared, a second motion was made to authorize Nathan to transfer the title of the property in whatever manner required. Jeff moved, Justine seconded, and the motion passed.

Reconstructionist Plenum: Craig discussed the attached report.

The Board Installation on January 8 will be followed by a board hosted oneg and a meet and greet. Maram and Justine will coordinate the oneg. Rabbi Ruhi and Nina are changing the program and will ask Board members to provide a brief statement for the written program.

Board Retreat: Date TBA

Committee Issues Process Update: still waiting for committees to submit their forms

Tikkun Olam Committee: Aura will Chair a revitalized committee with Stacey Goldenberg.

VBDM Process for Membership: Bruce will Chair the committee and has recruited Geraldine, Tracy Tessler, and Esther Tepfer as committee members. Bruce discussed the timeline and the process,

which will begin with committee research and parlor meetings and will end with a draft report by May Congregation Meeting and a final presentation at the November 2016 Congregational Meeting.

Reconstructionist Shabbaton: Richard Argosh reports that the location for this event will be determined next week.

Respectfully submitted:

Marsha Ginsberg, Secretary