

TBI Board Minutes
May 14, 2015, 7 pm

Present: Mindy Schlossberg, Marsha Ginsberg, Michael Griffel, Aura Solomon, Scott Fellman, Richard Argosh, Bruce Kreitzberg, Maram Epstein, Justine Lovinger, Geraldine Moreno

Absent: Jeff Kirtner, Nathan Philips, Craig Starr, Nina Korican, Hap Ponedel, Richard Shugar

Public Forum: Lisa Ponder and David Atman in attendance. Each expressed appreciation for the Tikkun Committee and to its continuation.

Agenda Items

Adopting April Minutes: postponed till next meeting due to a glitch (!)

Proposed Budget and Treasurer's Report: Amy reported that grant money (9K) from OJCF will go into a new stewardship fund as a way to thank donors and increase Life and Legacy gifts. Network Charter School is beginning a capital campaign and we are hoping that the school will buy the Portland St building in the 2015-16 fiscal year. As for the budget for 2015-16, a \$36,000 transfer from our reserve account will help cover one time extraordinary expenses for the year. We currently have about \$123,000 in the reserve account. The budget also includes a 2.5% raise for the staff and an additional amount for the building caretakers, and a 35% subsidy of the Talmud Torah by the general fund.

Scott made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Richard, and approved.

Congregational Meeting on May 21 to vote on our proposed budget for 2015-16.

Tikkun Committee Report--

Scott reported that the committee has transcribed all the questions and answers and recommendations from the last meeting and will make this file available to our community. Scott is interested in "rumor control," gathering and dispelling false information before it does harm. Another Tikkun meeting in the same format will be scheduled during a weekday evening. The committee will make efforts to reach out to congregants personally, too, if there is such a need.

Tugman Park Picnic to honor R. Boris and family, Saturday June 6, 5-7 pm. We as board members agreed to contribute money (\$20, possibly) for a three-part gift: a plaque to remain at TBI in honor of R. Boris, a take-home plaque featuring a physical piece of our building, and a handful of gift certificates to vegan restaurants in Ptld. Mindy, Richard, and Scott generously agreed to follow this through.

Transition Committee Report-- Michael reported that he is meeting with 9 others to prepare for Rabbi Ruhi's arrival, July 15.

Rabbi Yitz's Retirement-- Maram reminded us of the celebration, May 31, 4-7 pm, and encouraged us to sign-up for duties and contribute to the memory book. As of the April 2015 financial statements, we still have about \$55,000 to raise.

Talmud Torah Report: See Gretchen's Report

TT proposes to allow non-members to enroll in next year's TT electives. Aura made motion to approve, Scott seconded it, and proposal was approved unanimously.