

TBI Board Meeting
June 18, 2015, 7:00 PM
TBI 29th and University

Opening Blessing:

Baruch atah adonai, elohenu melech ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, vitzivanu l'asok b'tzorchei tizibbur.

Praised are You, Adonai, Ruler of the Universe, who sanctifies us through Your Mitzvot and who fulfills and enriches us through the opportunity to serve the needs of our community

Agenda:

- Torah Study: Rabbi Yitz's last board meeting. Mishnah's language is extremely concise. Teaching on truth/emet and peace/shalom
- Previous meetings Minutes Approved
- Public comment: Lisa Ponder present. Would like to make comments about Tikkun process. Respectfully learning from everyone. Lisa's comments: Question/Answer format has exacerbated the difficulties. Seemed respectful in first meeting but seemed to create problems in the following meetings because people were not able to add follow up questions. Lacked the ability of conversation. No chance for clarifications. Prevented soothing and feelings being relieved. Conversation with skilled facilitators helps. Thirdly, distressing experience for a congregant during last Tikkun meeting. Issue with not being able to record the meeting for someone not able to attend.
- Financial report: Amy Steckel reporting. May Financial statements. One more month to go in the fiscal year. We expect to finish the year in the black.
- Executive Director Report by Nina.
 - Richard Shugar had our insurance policy reviewed and the insurance company would not provide sexual misconduct coverage without an Employee and Volunteer Screening Policy. Nina submitted a policy proposal with her monthly report. Discussion ensued. Motion is that we adopt the policy and that Nina, Jeff, Scott and Nathan will work on implementation procedures. Motion passed.

Tikkun Committee – draft report review and approval: Scott Felman reporting. They are close to being done with what they have been charged with doing. Working on synthesizing all the information. Scott

presented a draft executive summary for discussion and asked the board to listen to the tone of the document but would like to avoid wordsmithing the document. The Board discussed the committee's plan to publish the unedited text of all of the questions that were asked at the community meetings. Some of the questions were rhetoric and inflammatory and concerns were raised about posting that kind of information on the website. Making a hard copy available in the office was discussed.

Transition Committee – report from committee and discussion of committee agenda. Transition committee submitted a report. Installation will be at Hanukkah with a speaker, one of Rabbi Ruhi Sophia's mentors. December 6th is looking like the best date as of now. Rabbinical Liaison committee is foreseen to be something that would be formed probably six months after Rabbi Ruhi arrives. It has typically been made up of people chosen by the rabbi.

Rabbi YHH Retirement

- Current plans and thoughts about emeritus status. Talking about developing a policy or statement on what does it mean to be Emeritus? Tom Barkin will work on crafting this.
- Use of office space. Rabbi Yitz will be moving into the smaller office and that it will be multipurpose when he is not using it.

Talmud Torah reporting structure, director job description. Mindy presented the flow chart and gave a report. Not the final version. Gretchen will be preparing the written report to the board by the August 13 board meeting. Discussion about TT director doing outreach to non TT families and students.

Committees and Membership Engagement

- Opening up committee process, meeting of committee chairs: Discussion, information and ideas. Suggestion for a Committee Chair meeting this summer and for a 1 time per year Committee Fair to recruit.
- Fundraising/Development plan, or lack thereof – this was tabled.

Report from By-Laws Committee: Craig Starr reported. Lisa Ponder and Julie Yampolsky joined committee. Scott and Alan are continuing to participate on the committee. Presentation of Article 2, to the board. Discussion of youth voting. No consensus reached. Article 2 Section 1 was sent back to the By-Laws Committee to identify the parts that need a community conversation and return the non-controversial parts to the Board for discussion and vote.