

Minutes from the Temple Beth Israel Board Meeting

June 2, 2016 7:00pm

TBI 29th and University

Present: Richard Argosh, Scott Fellman, Michael Griffel, Nina Korican, Bruce Kreitzberg, Geraldine Moreno-Black, Nathan Philips, Jared Rubin, Mindy Schlossberg, Craig Starr, Amy Steckel, Pearl Wolfe

Regrets: Maram Epstein, Jeff Kirtner, Jessica Lambright, Justine Lovinger, Rabbi Ruhi Sophia Motzkin Rubenstein, Aura Solomon

Agenda

- Opening Blessing
- Minutes Approval
 - Action:** Meeting Minutes from the May 5, 2016 TBI Board Meeting - unanimously approved.
- Staff Reports submitted in the Board Meeting packet sent to Board
 - Executive Director – Additionally, Nina thanked everyone for their work for the congregational meeting.
 - Talmud Torah – Board members with children in Talmud Torah were asked how things are going with their children’s experience with Talmud Torah this year? The response was positive from the two Board members who responded.
- Treasurer Report
 - April Financials: The end of April, net income of \$98,000. That will dwindle over the next few months, as there is less revenue at the end of the fiscal year.
- Appreciation picnic Board representative
 - Sunday, June 12, there is an end of year picnic that recognizes people who volunteer and/or are TBI donors. Nina and Nathan will be out of town. Asked for a Board Member to say a few words of acknowledgment, thanks and appreciation. Richard Argosh will be the Board representative.
- By-Laws revisions – Name of organization
 - On the Secretary of State corporation division listing, TBI’s name is listed as: “Temple Beth Israel of Eugene” and the By-Laws, name the congregation as “Temple Beth Israel”, need to add “of Eugene”). Do we need amend the By-Laws to reflect this discrepancy?

Action: Consensus was to do nothing related to this issue at this time.

- Update on Membership Task Force:
 - There will be meetings this summer with a number of groups, including Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Queer Chavurah. The website is up. Input was requested for processes and approaches related to when the Taskforce goes from the values gathering process to the next steps.
Input/Suggestions:
 - Analyze data gathered into percentages of various perspectives;
 - Caution to not create a referendum approach, instead use a values based decision making approach, which is based on the values of the congregation;
 - Don't rush the process going from values collection to decision/proposal making, spend time communicating the process.
 - The Task Force has reached out to the Reconstructionist Movement for some consulting on the process.
 - It is believed that a number of people, especially non-Jewish members, are very unlikely/reluctant to complete the survey---therefore it is suggested that the Task Force reach out via phone calls.
- Board Nominations Discussion
 - Need to appoint a Nominating Committee. The president chairs the Committee and the 1st vice president, as incoming president, will also serve on the Committee.
 - 2 Board Positions and all Officers have their term end this year. (The next term of the Treasurer will be a two-year term.)
 - The Board will nominate its Officers.
 - The Nominating Committee will need to solicit a youth member for the Board.
- Strategic Planning
 - Strategic Planning Committee has met a few times. Making progress working through the goals developed at the Board Retreat. Planning to bring a list of strategies to the Board for input.
- Safety Committee
 - The Committee is spending the summer on building/facility safety, including hardware changes for classrooms.
 - Going through emergency planning and procedures for the when something happens in the building, including when someone gets sick, someone who intends harm, etc.
 - Safety training for the start of the 2016-2017 school year and High Holidays. This includes working on developing an Usher Corp to have eyes on door/outside, rather than focused on the bima.

- Thinking of offering First Aid, CPR and general response courses. CPR and First Aid open to congregation (\$15 for congregants, hopefully fee paid for Usher Corp members).
- July Board Meeting
 - No Board Meeting in July
- Exploring having a Board and Past presidents Bar-B-Q this summer. More to follow.