

## TBI Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2016, 6:30 PM

TBI 29th and University

**Present:** Richard Argosh, Maram Epstein, Michael Griffel, Nina Korican, Bruce Kreitzberg, Jessica Lambright, Justine Lovinger, Geraldine Moreno-Black, Rabbi Ruhi Sophia Motzkin Rubenstein, Nathan Philips, Jared Rubin, Mindy Schlossberg, Aura Solomon, Craig Starr, Amy Steckel, Pearl Wolfe

**Regrets:** Scott Fellman, Jeff Kirtner

### Opening Blessing:

### Agenda:

- Torah Study
  
- November 10, TBI Board Meeting Minutes Approval – It was clarified that the dollars requested for authorization to be spent on acoustical panels for the social hall, were/are from TBI Reserve funds. **ACTION:** Minutes unanimously approved as amended.
  
- Honor our outgoing Officers and Trustees – Outgoing Officers and Trustees were recognized and thanked for many years of service.
  
- Public Forum - none
  
- Financial statements –
  - There should be sufficient dues by the end of the fiscal year, though the current financial statements may not appear that way.
  - The Pre-School is down in enrollment this year and if things continue as they are (even with expected incoming children), could end the year with a \$20,000 deficit. The Pre-School does not pay a facility usage or maintenance fee, however the Pre-School needs to at least cover direct cash expenses. Nina is working with the Pre-School leadership to address.
    - Plan to have a Pre-School Committee assist, support and set policies.
  - Will be looking into more details regarding the current state of the Talmud Torah budget.
  
- Amend Rabbi's contract –
  - Amend Rabbi's contract to create an Accountable Plan, placing \$500 per month into an Accountable Account. **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.
  - Establish Rabbi's Allowance: "For 2017, the Rabbi's Designated Housing Allowance will be \$50,000. This Housing Allowance Designated Amount shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded." **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.
  
- Proposal for TBI Outreach to Muslim Community (in TBI Board Meeting Packet) –
  - Motion: The TBI Board authorizes Gordon Lafer (and those working directly with him) to reach out to the Muslim Community per the submitted proposal. Rabbi

Ruhi Sophia will make the initial contact while Gordon is away. **ACTION:**  
Unanimously approved.

- Proposal to Join the Sanctuary Movement – Rabbi Ruhi Sophia and the Tikkun Olam Committee will carry forward the message of support from TBI. And will communicated that the Jewish Community should be included among groups that may need support.
- Membership Task Force Update
  - Received lots of kudos and appreciation for their hard work and excellent synthesizing of a great deal of input.
  - Will be reaching out for more input.
  - May host a program on the changing face of Judaism.
- Shabbaton - M'Yad L'Yad: From Hand to Hand — The Chain of Our Tradition. Pacific Northwest Shabbaton: May 5-7, 2017. Camp Solomon Schechter in Olympia, WA. Courage TBI Members to attend.
  - Not many TBI members have registered yet.
  - How do we interest TBI members to attend when the event is so far away (Olympia, WA)?
  - Questions to be addressed include: Should Talmud Torah be cancelled that weekend? Should TBI send Gretchen to attend?
- Rabbi Emeritus proposal
  - Rabbi Yitzhak submitted a fee proposal for consideration.
  - Executive Committee will work on packaging the proposal.
  - The proposal will stay on the Board Agenda for future discussion.
- Rabbi Report - Tot Shabbat will be held once a month.
- ED Report – request for congregational meeting date change
  - Motion to move the Spring TBI Congregational Meeting from May 25, to May 11. **ACTION:** Unanimously approved. (There will also be a Board Meeting earlier that evening. )
- TT Report
  - When should there be discussion about the viability of Camp Chavarim? (It needs to be within approved budget.)
  - Talmud Torah Committee is meeting December 11.
- JCRC – Jewish Community Relations Council – There is a request for someone from the TBI Board to be on the JCRC. Geraldine volunteered.

End of Meeting