

# Board of Trustees Meeting

May 4, 2017

## Temple Beth Israel

The meeting began at 5:46 pm.

Present. Richard Argosh, Jeff Kirtner, Nina Korican, Bruce Kreitzberg, Justine Lovinger, Reisa Maddex, Julee Raiskin, Rabbi Ruhi Sophia Motzkin Rubenstein, Jared Rubin, Mindy Schlossberg, Aura Solomon, Amy Steckel.

Minutes Approval. The minutes were not approved due to a lacking quorum. There were no questions or corrections about the minutes.

Congregational Meeting Preparation. Nina explained the voting procedure for the Congregational vote about the bylaws membership change. Amy stated that she will be making a short presentation before the budgetary vote.

Executive director report.

Discussion about Life and Legacy. Maram Epstein started this fundraising program and is still involved, but she needs new people to join the effort to help. Nina explained a little about how the Life and Legacy program works to familiarize board members and encourage someone to help or ask another person to help.

Social Hall Upgrades. Sound improvements have been successful. Events in that room have had better acoustics. A projector screen was purchased, but will work better if the windows are shaded. Nina has begun taking bids for window coverings. Stewardship funds from OJCF might be used to pay for this. There is about \$10-11,000 available in that fund that can be used to fund the window coverings work. Justine made a motion to approve a \$2900 expenditure for window coverings. Amy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Auction Updates. The auction is June 4. Nina appealed to trustees to sign up and go to the auction. Nina also suggested that they can still accept items for the silent auction until May 15. Restaurant gift certificates are especially popular.

Lifecycle. The first year welcome membership used to be included with certain lifecycle events that were paid for. That idea was tested for a couple of years and eliminated. Nina is recommending some updated rates in the light of the first year membership deal having been eliminated. Some of the

lifecycle fees and procedures were discussed to consider their efficacy. Jeff moved to approve the new lifecycle fees. Aura seconded the motion and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

Board Representation on Preschool Transition Team and Accessibility Committee. Mindy discussed this item. This preschool transition team is a short duration, one year, committee to plan for the transition while Carole Diller prepares to retire. The team would help with planning for retirement and helping to vision TBI's preschool future. Mindy has parents in mind to staff the committee. Aura volunteered to be a Board representative for the committee.

The Accessibility Committee has two members who are ready to pass the baton to new people. The responsibility is to accommodate people with any disability such as hearing, vision, physical access, etc. There may be opportunity to increase access to Talmud Torah students with special needs. Julee Raiskin volunteered to be on this committee.

Rabbi report. Rabbi Ruhi called attention to the upcoming "Dare I Call You Cousin" exhibit which is powerful and could be emotional for some.

Talmud Torah report. The report was issued electronically.

Jared asked a question about the upcoming anti-Semitism forum and Nina explained security measures that are in place for the event.

Lambda Legal. Jeff said interest in the Lambda Legal lawsuit has reheated as anticipation grows that President Trump might issue his discriminatory executive order. The executive order issued was different than the draft and did not contain the illegal aspects that were anticipated.

Sanctuary Movement. New statement is available with updated language per April's Board of Trustees meeting. Judy Boles continues to provide strong leadership for TBI on this issue.

The meeting concluded at 6:40.