

Board of Trustees Meeting

October 19, 2017

Temple Beth Israel

The meeting began at 7:03 .

Present: Richard Argosh, Michael Griffel, Jeff Kirtner, Nina Korican, Bruce Kreitzberg, Reisa Maddex, Geraldine Moreno-Black, Julee Raiskin, Rabbi Ruhi Sophia Motzkin Rubenstein, Jared Rubin, Mindy Schlossberg, Aura Solomon, Amy Steckel. Open forum guests: Lisa Ponder and Elliott Farren .

Minutes approval. September minutes were approved.

Open forum. Lisa Ponder spoke during open forum to discuss unknown allies and good news concerning anti-Semitism. She informed the Board of action taken by The Daughters of the American Revolution to facilitate removal of a defaced plaque outside the Quackenbush building in Eugene. The plaque was defaced with a swastika. Lisa initiated action and the DAR responded immediately by removing the plaque. DAR is paying for the plaque to be refinished in a foundry. Lisa characterized the incident as an example of broader community support for the Jewish community following an expression of hate.

Executive Director report, including dues update. Nina is confident that TBI will meet its dues expectations. Several new members have joined. There is a \$6000 overage on building assessments. Updated financial info will be available next week. Jewish life and legacy program still needs leadership. OJCF gives valuable support to TBI's life and legacy program. Nina emphasized the importance of signing up members for this posthumous giving. Later in the meeting, Mindy proposed the idea of a training for Board members on how to initiate or conduct fundraising.

August financials.

Amy had little to add to her written report. Amy reiterated a goal of having three months reserve, approximately \$190,000 for operations. The Board approved a motion to transfer \$34,000 from operating checking accounts to a reserve asset account and \$34,000 to another account intended for capital repairs. The money for this comes from last fiscal year's surplus.

Membership commitment process. Amy, Elliott, Judy Boles, Nina and Jeff met for first conversations around the VBDM process concerning dues. The process is expected to continue for approximately one year and the committee might like to bring a vote before the Congregation in November, 2018.

Talmud Torah report. Mindy has asked Gretchen to join November's Board of Trustees meeting to discuss how Talmud Torah changes have settled on the school and what she sees ahead.

Open Board positions. Candidates for the Board filled out applications this year. The nominating committee will suggest two nominees to the Board for consideration.

Preschool update. Nina and Mindy met with Carol Diller. Enrollment is very low, only 18 or 19 children. Steps for promotional improvement that they discussed were: to the website; outreach to parents; TBI newsletter. There is now a preschool committee consisting of Audrey Banks, Judy Nevell, Nina, Mindy and Cheryl Henderson. The preschool committee is studying director models, dues, structure and directorial transition. Judy will run numbers for financial models to create a viable and sustainable preschool.

Fireplace. Julee discussed concerns about soliciting donations for the fireplace project with no previous public introductions. Discussion included ideas for mention in the December newsletter. Julee also suggested that TBI find a TBI source for a lead gift of \$1-2000.

Messianic attendee. Rabbi Ruhi joined the meeting to discuss a recent services attendee with the Board. The attendee is known to have, in the past, been associated with aggressive recruitment of Jews to take part in Messianic Judaism. The attendee has never been observed doing this at TBI, but Rabbi Ruhi discussed an appropriate response with the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Recorded and submitted by Bruce Kreitzberg.