

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Date: July 20, 2017

<p>Trustees Present: Ann Berkson, Jeff Brown, Sue Brown, Pearie Bruder, Diane Fleishman, Michael Lieberman, Michael Mandel, Susan Michelson, Ellen Torres, Ruth Rubin for Dee Cook Rabbi Larry Karol (ex-officio) Trustees Absent: Dee Cook, Jeff Lewis, Ned Rubin, Allen Blum Guest(s):</p>

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Ellen Torres at 7:01 pm.

Invocation: Rabbi Karol gave the Invocation.

Acceptance of Minutes. Ellen asked for acceptance of the minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Pearie Bruder and seconded by Sue Brown to accept the minutes as corrected via email. The motion carried.

Leadership / Board Reports

A. **Rabbi's Report.** (Highlights) Complete report is attached.

The Rabbi reported that new prayer books have been ordered for the High Holidays as well as the prayer book, Mishkan T'filah for the House of Mourning. He will be at New CAJE in Moraga, California, from August 5 to August 9, a national conference for Jewish educators.

B. **President's Report.**

President Ellen Torres reported that she is in the process of recruiting a new Adult ED Chair. She also reviewed our responses to Board norms and our Leadership training goals. The three key norms that have been accepted include: 1) Be conscious of time when speaking so that we can end the meeting at a reasonable time. 2) Be a thoughtful listener and speaker. 3) Respect others' points of view and opinions, even if you disagree with them. Act with respect, collegiality, partnership, and fellowship.

C. **Treasurer's Report.**

In lieu of Treasurer Allen Blum's absence, the President shared the Treasurer's report. She also stated that there will be a clarification of the new payment opportunity that is available per request by Board members; Temple members need to know that it is not necessary to pay electronically. We ended the fiscal year with a \$13,000 deficit. This may be reduced as some Fair Share Pledges may still be submitted.

Committee Reports:

- A. Sisterhood reported that Leslie Glater will be responsible for scheduling Onegs. Three Sisterhood Council reps have stepped down after serving for several years—Michele Blum, Brenda Parish, and Elisha Rosenberg. New council members are being sought and will be identified shortly.
- B. Mensch Club and Temple representatives will coordinate the booth at the Ren Faire with proceeds going to the Temple instead of the Mensch Club. A motion was made to approve submitting funds to pay for the booth and the get assistance in running the booth on Saturday from the Center for Spiritual Living. The motion also included splitting the funds 70-30 with the Center, with 70% going to the Temple. The motion was made by Sue Brown and seconded by Jeff Brown. The motion carried. The funds will be reimbursed to the Temple by the proceeds made.
- C. The History Committee plans to develop an exhibit of Jews in Las Cruces as they continue to develop material.

Old Business

- A. Policy for use of social hall and kitchen. Policy is under revision by Ned Rubin and Dee Cook. Tabled for August 2017 meeting.
- B. When Jerry Silverman returns, decisions will be made about the shed; he will also walk the roof to see if any additional repairs need to be made.
- C. Temple Accounts at Office Max and Staples: It was clarified that Allen Blum would open Temple accounts at these two stores to make it easier to do business there rather than being billed rather than paying each time and getting reimbursed.
- D. Board members have agreed to divvy up the membership list to make calls to members thanking them for being members, participating in Temple events, and paying their dues. The Executive Committee will make calls to members who are in arrears to see if there is anything we can do to help them to remain members and to establish a payment plan for their dues.
- E. Ned Rubin has tentatively agreed to take over webmaster responsibilities as Bob Kimball has announced he is stepping down from that role.
- F. August 25 and 26 Rabbi Bob Alpert, nationally known Jewish comedian will be here. There will be a need for refreshments.
- G. Tina Wasserman, noted Jewish cookbook author will be here in November. Details will follow. These two events are sponsored by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso.

New Business

- A. A motion was made by Diane Fleishman that Susan Michelson look into the possibility of showing the film “Challah Rising in the Desert” on September 10. It is a history of Jews in New Mexico. It was seconded by Michael Mandel. The motion carried.

Guest Comments: No guests were present.

Executive Session: There was no executive session.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Date of next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 1 @ 6:30 pm

Date of next Board of Trustees Meeting: Thursday August 17@ 7:00 pm