Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces, New Mexico

<u>MINUTES</u>

October 17, 2019

Trustees Present: Cheryl Decker, Steve Haydu, Barbara Berger, Pearie Bruder, Dee Cook, Dave Decker, Luke Duddridge, Martha Roditti, Nan Rubin, Ruth Rubin, Rabbi Larry Karol (ex-officio)
Trustees Absent:, Michael Mandel, Joanne Turnbull, Lynn Zeemont,
Guest(s): Stacey Hymen (new bookkeeper), Mark Saltman

<u>Call to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Decker at 6:05 p.m.

<u>Invocation</u>: Rabbi Karol led the Board in the invocation.

<u>Acceptance of Minutes</u>:   Luke moved accepting the October 18, 2018 Board Minutes, and Martha seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

<u>Leadership/Board Reports</u>

Rabbi's Report.   20 students in Religious school. 82 readers/participants over High Holy days. Open my lips series – continued Monday (14th) haven't scheduled next meeting waiting on news of upcoming grandchild. Beth Tierney is doing the next Adelante with Rabbi's oversight. Martha asked about class Rabbi covered for father Gabriel.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Stacey Hyman presented an update on financials. Online Quickbooks is cumbersome; Stacey asked whether we need this version or if we can go with Desktop version. She also suggested setting up a separate account for the Religious School.

Dues: as of this meeting there is $86,400 in dues outstanding.

Stacey recommended using a desktop version of Quickbooks, and since our current treasurer uses a Mac, we should purchase a desktop version if we move to a desktop version, cost would be about $165.

Question about invoice for Rakefet – It costs $325/year. Stacey was informed that it did need to be paid.

Board member Nan Rubin made a request for balance sheets to be provided so that the board can get a handle on cash flow.

Pearie asked for clarity about the example given of Religious School funding appearing Online Quickbooks vs Desktop Quickbooks.

Steve moved to Approve Treasurer's report. Luke Seconded. Approved unanimously.

Mark Saltman discussed plans for the $5000 security grant from the Jewish Federation of El Paso. Plans include purchasing small ticket items such as first aid kits and paying for High Holidays security. Other planned purchases include replacing or upgrading the current alarm system and adding some cameras. Nan asked about the darkness on driveway; Dave explained that this expenditure should be covered by Maintenance and Grounds fund. The grant for security is a reimbursement type grant, in that we pay for the items and turn in receipts for reimbursement, rather than needing to have purchases pre-approved.

Committee Reports: No written committee reports.

The date is set for the Temple's Fundraiser, *Night at the Auction*: January 25, 2020

Old Business:

- Announcements – Sign-up sheet for board members to attend and present announcements at Kabbalat Shabbat service was passed around.
- The Temple received a thank you note from NMSU for our archival material.
- Do we want to continue 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat services beyond October?
  Luke moved and Pearie seconded continuing 6 PM services through end of November.
- Sunday, 17th November – 7pm Genie Milgrom – Jewish Genealogy – Nan
- Mensch Club will set up the booth for the Renaissance Fair on November 1, 2019.

  They will also set up some tables for auction on Friday night, January 24, 2020, and do a full set up , Saturday, January 25, 2020.

New Business:

Martha moved establish a Software Task Force, to determine whether we need to change or upgrade the software the temple is currently using to maintain membership lists, Yahrzeits, finances, websites, etc. Luke seconded. Board approved unanimously.

On Nov. 17 at 11:30, there will be a brunch at Joanne's for Board Members and Transition Team Leaders.

Matzoh Ball Golf tournament is scheduled for November 10, 2019; event brings in money for TBE and Mesilla Valley Hospice.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Haydu