

Meeting of the Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees

Trustees Present: Cheryl Decker (President), Lynn Zeemont (Vice President), Michael Mandel (Treasurer), Steve Haydu (Secretary), Jeff Lewis, Marieka Brown, Nan Rubin, Bryan McCuller, Martha Roditti, Ruth Rubin, Dee Cook, Joanne Turnbull,

Trustees Absent: Barbara Berger

Aug 20, 2020, 6:00 PM

Standing Items (6:00-6:15 PM)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Decker at 6:03.

Invocation: Lynn Zeemont read a prayer originally written by Rabbi Larry Karol.

Acceptance of Minutes: Nan Rubin asked not to accept July minutes until they are reviewed and edited, we will review again next month.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Michael Mandel discussed profit and loss. At this time the Temple is in pretty good shape, dues collection is good, some income has been put in Schwaab account. Building expenses go on. The air conditioner will need to be replaced. Efforts are being made to minimize building expenses. Building services that have been minimized or changed while the building is not being used, need to be reactivated when we reopen.

Lynn Zeemont wrote an article for the Adelante, noting that we are doing well with collecting dues and reminding the congregation that we continue to have expenses and we rely on dues.

Committee Reports

Religious Practices Committee: Bryan McCuller discussed activities of the committee. Marieka Brown presented request from committee. "Is it okay to move the Torah to homes for use during the service, or if that portion should be done in the sanctuary." There was some discussion, Cheryl will speak with Leora and Stuart and check with insurance company to make sure they are covered. On behalf of RPC Marieka asked "What is the announcement process?" Nan will compile announcements for now, we now have an email account to send events to. It will be in the Adelante.

Mensch club: The Mensch Club had their 1st meeting since the COVID-19 closure, it went well, and they will now be having monthly meetings. They were honored to deliver the challahs to members for Sofia Zway's inaugural service.

Religious school: Pearie Bruder reported on the activities of the religious school. School will on track to begin after High Holy Days. Marlene is doing great, lots of communication, a little

miscommunication, with lesson planning, signing in, curriculum. Classes are now assigned. Still on track to begin classes after the High Holidays.

Nan reported that Ned is on the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso Social Action Committee and attended a meeting yesterday.

- **Vote:** Approve Committee Reports Martha moved, Michael seconded, approved unanimously

Transition Team Report: Joanne

- Student Rabbi - Congregation needs to be aware of the extent of Sofia's obligations to our congregation. An article will go out about Sofia's availability and a list of who to contact for what type of services.
- Administration Team- Beth Tierney is putting a help wanted ad out, for someone to work in the temple office, a couple of hours a couple of days a week.
- Communication Team – announcements, web page, add in the Bulletin
- Strategy Team – focus groups.

Old Business

- Each Board member expected to sign up to do announcements twice in the year.
- Board orientation will be after HHD

New Business

High holidays RPC – discussed whether and how to get holiday prayer books out to the congregation so they can follow the Zoom services. We will also give out Shabbat prayer books to members as needed.

Steve will purchase large group add on for Zoom in September (about \$65)

Nan will go over and change add in the Bulletin

Ways and Means – Lynn looking into working with Dixon Golf to see about setting up an online Auction fundraiser.

Gabriel Lampert has been added as an honorary member of Temple Beth El.

The question was asked by a congregant: how one becomes an honorary member, Treasurer Michael Mandel reports that it is by invitation, it cannot be requested. Joanne proposed writing up guidelines for this.

Nan suggested setting up a slide advertisement/request for donations, that could be projected in conjunction with High Holiday services.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:13, Michael Mandel moved to adjourn and Steve Haydu seconded.