

Meeting of the Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees

Sep 17, 2020, 6:00 PM

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

Standing Items

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Decker at 6:04.

Invocation: Martha Roditti gave the invocation

Acceptance of Minutes: Martha Roditti moved to accept the minutes for July and August meetings, Steve Haydu seconded, it was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Michael Mandel presented profit and loss statement and took questions from board members. We are currently putting money into the Schwab account, current interest rate is .01% There is a money market account with Citizen's that has an interest rate of .05% Michael is looking into other ways to invest, such as treasury bond funds that could vary in price, not money markets, but fairly stable. Ultra-short term bond may be best right now at 1%. There was some discussion of investment alternatives. Michael will explore more options.

Questions for treasurer: The calendars were paid for through the discretionary fund – around \$350.00 stipulated by Rabbi Larry. What is BETY spending money on? They've had several events pre-pandemic.

Michael and Cheryl have taken over jurisdiction for the discretionary fund, this money is designated and cannot be used for regular expenses.

Committee Reports

Mitzvah Team – Luke reports that the mitzvah committee has \$638 and they sent out 2 cards – Michael asked if there are officers on this committee, because we need accountability for the funds handling for the committee. Luke is currently the presiding officer.

Religious school: Pearie Bruder reported on the activities of the religious school. Had first informal session, instructors and most of the families were there. There are still some unanswered questions, i.e. Sofia's involvement with religious school activities is still to be determined.

Religious Practices Committee: Bryan McCuller discussed activities of the committee. Worked out details for HHD services, suggested temple members for parts in the service. Taschlich will be done individually this year, Sofia prepared a Taschlich handout.

Marieka asked about the announcement process. The announcement email goes to Cherri, and she forwards the announcements to the service leader and announcement presenter.

Mensch club: Jeff Lewis reported that the Mensch Club has \$1,340 currently. They plan to honor Frank and Louise Baskey for their service to the temple, by purchasing a brick in their name. The Mensch Club has had a couple of mini breakfast groups, 5 or 6 people. The Baskeys have moved back to Connecticut.

- **Committee Reports approved unanimously**

Transition Team Report: Joanne

- Announcement email is currently being forwarded to Cherri. Process seems to be working. See RPC above.
- Who's in charge of what in technology. Joanne or Nan will send an email with a list naming who does what. We would like someone to populate Facebook. Nan asked who does the Rakefet. Cheryl does the Yahrzeit letters, and sends the list to Beth for the Adelante, and updates the Rakefet as time permits.
- Joanne presented figures, provided by chair of DACC's Creative Media Technology Program, Matt Burns, to attract an intern. Suggestions: tuition for internship class (\$220) for website design, and \$12/hr. for a student to maintain it.
- Discussion of a part-time admin position, some discussion as to whether it can be a temple member or not. Mixed views on this.
- Focus groups – Martha and Joanne are working on setting this up. Topics are: 1) Different types of memberships; 2) URJ affiliation; and 3) Readiness for a new Rabbi. Nan will find out the cost of the facilitator she knows. These will be conducted by Zoom. Nan suggests putting an article in the Adelante.
- Bylaws review – Dee will work with Joanne on developing the committee to review the bylaws.

Old Business

- Each Board member is expected to sign up to do announcements twice in the year.
- Board orientation will be after HHD
- We have the beginnings of a committee to develop the phased opening plan. Jeanne Brown and Nancy Bergman. Pearie will get pricing on initial deep (covid) cleaning. Question about liability if someone is infected with Covid-19 at the temple.

New Business

High holidays RPC – covered in committee report

Report on ad in Bulletin - Nan cost is \$10 a week, it is part of a Coop ad, the religious institutions have small ads. Ad in magazine is \$175. For the full distribution, some discussion as to whether we want the ad in the magazine – deadline coming up soon.

The Board voted unanimously to buy an ad in the magazine, there were some questions about the weekly ad. Barbara pointed out that \$10/wk is not expensive for an ad in the paper.

Sukkah: Nan moved that the board accept the report of the RPC relating to the Sukkah this year as outlined in the letter. Martha seconded. 12 agreed, 1 opposed (Pearie).

Martha moved that the board decide not to have a Sukkah this year. 12 agreed, 1 opposed (Pearie).

The board voted unanimously to accept new members:

Sherie Siegel & John Ragosta (scientists) from Chapel Hill. 2 kids. Solly and Naomi.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:39.