

## Temple Beth El Board of Directors Meeting Report

October 20,2022

The meeting was called to order by President Nan Rubin at 6:06 PM.

Members Present-President Nan Rubin, Treasurer Joel Siegel, Secretary Deb Leyndyke, Pearie Bruder, Wendee Lorbeer, Diane Fleishman, Martha Roditti, Steve Haydu, Dee Cook, Luke Duddridge, Rabbi Evette Lutman

Members Absent- Vice President Lynn Zeemont, Donna Popky, Cherri Hudson-Brown

Invocation by Martha Roditti

We were not able to approve the minutes for the September meeting. The September and October minutes will be reviewed in November.

The Membership Committee reported on new ways to welcome incoming members into our synagogue. We are presently giving “goodie baskets” to new members and we plan to ask for new members to participate in Shabbat services. Work is in progress for a new membership application as well.

Rabbi Lutman stated that current educational classes are going well. She would like to add an adult b’nai mitzvah class as many members have expressed interest. The Rabbi would also like to add a kiddish after Saturday morning services to give all who attend a chance to socialize with other members. Preparation is underway for two Bat Mitzvahs and the Rabbi is using creative methods to engage and motivate students as they progress. Rabbi Evette also encouraged Board Members to participate in upcoming events, such as the political forum and El Paso Federation Shabbat.

Joel Siegel, Treasurer, reported that our budget is in line at present time. He is also working to strengthen TBE’s funds and to establish a committee of three who will oversee investments from our Schwab account. The account has \$160,000 in it at present time and most of the board feels that conservative investing is needed. This account has been stagnant for some time. It was also suggested that 1% of Member Dues be directed into our Social Action fund. The Social Action Committee can determine how the funds will be used. This action was suggested to the Board in response to the needs of the synagogue in Las Vegas, NM. Rabbi

Evette offered the use of the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund as seed money until the Board makes a final decision on the transfer of funds. Finally, the Treasurer reported that Lynn Zeemont and Treasurer Joel Siegel will replace Monika Kimball as directors of the Rabbi Kane Fund.

President Nan Rubin encouraged all Board Members to attend the following events. The first is the Oneg on November 4<sup>th</sup> after Friday services, sponsored by the Federation of El Paso. The federation is also donating \$500 to help with our second event-the orientation of Rabbi Evette Lutman into TBE. This will take place on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. The program will last an hour, followed by social time with food from Santorini Greek restaurant.

President Nan Rubin also discussed a decree, approved by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, addressing Anti-Semitism. This Board questions why this has been introduced, what group is responsible for introducing the decree, as well as the content of the decree. From our viewpoint, this decree offers a very limited view of Anti-Semitism and a view that not all American Jews would agree with. We feel the need to address this as a community and will revisit this item after the November 8<sup>th</sup> election

More Dates to Remember:

Political Forum on Tuesday, October 25 @ 6PM, hosting candidates from district 33,36,37 and 52

Matzo Ball Open on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Art Sale at TBE on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM.

President Nan Rubin adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Deb Leyndyke

Secretary