

Board Meeting Minutes — January 7, 2013

President Bergman called meeting to order at 8:10 PM.

Present: Rabbi Wolkoff, Cantor Rockman, Jeff Schwartz, Michael Weiss, Aaron Rosloff, Marcie Kfare, Lauren Cohen, Doug Smoller, Rob Blackin, Linda Fellen, Ben Gottesman, Renee Juro, Mark Kasdin, Gary Wesalo, David Cukor, Phil Welsher, Arthur Cederbaum, Lynne WeissMarshall, Gary Bergman, Ruth Anne Koenick, Jeff Cadoff.

Unanimous consent to approval of minutes from December 2012 meeting.

Rabbi Wolkoff's D'var Torah: Parasha Valera instructs us about the necessity of being able to be surprised. When we feel in total control of life, we lose the precious gift of surprise. There is always another nuance to discover in our friends and neighbors. There is infinite depth in every one of us.

President's Report: Jeff Cadoff and Gary Bergman participated in a USCJ on-line leadership webinar. Gary encourages board members to become involved in USCJ learning opportunities. Marty Abschutz will make a presentation on behalf of the emergency budget committee soon — perhaps at February's meeting. Likewise, Mark Dillman and the strategic planning committee may be ready to present in February.

Financial Secretary's Report (Mark Kasdin): We have the same FDPE as we had in December. We received lots of year-end payments. Still, people are behind in dues and school tuition payments. Treasurer's Report (Gary Wesalo): We collected a lot of dues during December. It was a good month —the second month of the fiscal year where income was higher than anticipated. Still, revenue for the year is running \$16K behind where it was last year at this time. On the plus side, catering and nursery school roll along. Religious school income is behind by \$20K. On the expense side, things are normal. There is nothing out of sorts.

We had an influx of Mitzvah 613 money due to the end of the tax year. That windfall was placed in the business investment account at Bank of America. The proceeds of a mature CD were also placed into the business investment account.

The treasurer is afraid that he soon won't have cash on hand with which to pay bills. Jeff Cadoff posited some questions about certain fundraising entries on the monthly balance sheet.

Lynne WeissMarshall asked 2 questions about postage and office expenses and how they are shown. David Cukor questioned the anticipated use of operating funds to pay a roof repair expense. He thought that it had been decided to take it out of Shomrei Tikvah.

VP Administration Report (David Cukor): Written report submitted plus mention of door opening keypad for Chabad. Mention of Mark Kasdin's email to David re: work on the sanctuary.

VP Activities Report (Renee Juro): Azan Adin will present about things Jewish and the Torah. The lecture will coincide with the sofer's visit.

Kim Riemann and Renee will present a class about Social Networking.

Art Biderman is now retired and will offer his popular Yiddish Class, soon.

Larry and Dot Cohen will be the first congregants to host the Rabbi's Lecture Series at their home.

VP Ways and Means Report (Jeff Cadoff): Art Auction February 2nd. Board members urged to sign up. March 2, 2013: Beach Party honoring Ruth Anne Koenick and Paul Herman, Danny and Caryl Greenberg, and Barry and Phyllis Safeer.

VP School and Youth Report (Jeff Schwartz): Nursery School enrollment is close to that budgeted. Religious School enrollment lower than budgeted. Youth Committee in need of new chair in the aftermath of Ruth Shindler's resignation.

VP Membership Report (Marcie Kfare): no report this month.

Sisterhood Report(Ruth Anne Koenick): Appeal to encourage people to support the Shelach Manot Purim project.

Cantor Rockman's Report: Tu B'Shevat Seder and Shabbat Shira celebrations will occur on January 26th. Rabbi Wolkoff mentioned that the Aleph naming ceremony was very nice. There were 15 children in the class. All of the children except one were the oldest in their family. These Aleph students represent the future of the Kehilla.

Old Business:

Ruth Anne Koenick mentioned she is forming the nominating committee. All constituencies have been contacted and asked for representative suggestions.

The Sofer will return on February 10th and spend time in the Religious School.

New Business:

Doug Smoller questioned the prohibition against full-page ads by synagogue groups in Hakol unless the group pays for the insertion. President Bergman said it's not really a policy. He made that remark sort of "off the cuff."

Phil Welsher suggested consideration of a change to the Shabbat Greeter program (when the parents of next week's B'nai Mitzvah greet people who are entering the building). Maybe we should have better people, i.e., board members, who are more vested in marketing the institution.

Good and Welfare:

2 members are in the hospital Eileen Robison and Adam Irgon.

The Cohens will welcome their new daughter, Emma Rose, into their home on Tuesday.

Board went into closed session at 9:25 PM

Motion to Adjourn by Cukor at 9:45 PM, seconded by Koenick, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Schwartz