

Board members attending: Gary Bergman, Linda Fellen, Ben Gottesman, Michael Weiss, Mark Kasdin, Marcie Kfare, Ruth Anne Koenick, Phil Welscher Lauren Cohen, Andy Ross, Doug Smoller, Jeff Schwartz, Jeff Cadoff, Stuart Allen, Craig Cohen, David Cukor,

Also attending: Rabbi Wolkoff,

Gary Wesalo, Renee Juro, Rob Blackin, Aaron Rosloff, Bill Greenberg, Cantor Rockman, Lynne WeissMarshall, Mark Roller, Marty Abschutz

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Bergman at 8:02 p.m.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as submitted.

Rabbi Wolkoff opened the meeting with a discussion of the haftorah from Micah. The reading asks "What does God want from you?" and answers "Walk humbly with your God." The rabbi said inherent in this simple question and answer is a basic and beautiful requirement of Jewish life and practice. He said we celebrate with people at their weddings and mourn with them at their funerals. He said our community is based on the expectation that we will be there for each other at the best and the worst of life.

In the president's report, Bergman led the group in an exercise to learn more about each other and the common purpose shared by the trustees and officers. He also advised the group of the ongoing work of the constitution committee whose work is available on the website for review and comment.

For Ways & Means, Jeff Cadoff said fund-raising is on target with just two months to go in the fiscal year. Gift card sales, however, remain light, he said, and an improved approach needs to be discussed. Unpaid balances from previous years' gift card programs will be billed as unpaid dues.

Bergman said a letter to new members and current congregants is planned explaining the program and their obligations.

For administration, David Cukor explained how budget owners were able to trim the anticipated spending in several categories of the fiscal 2013 budget.

For membership, Marcie Kfare said so far two of 29 current free membership families have committed to joining next year.

The financial secretary, Mark Kasdin reported 383 member families in the congregation and approximately \$33,000 of dues and other fees unpaid more than 60 days. He said about \$7,500 in gift card obligations remain unpaid.

Assistant Treasurer Andy Ross gave the treasurer's report, explaining the only major item is the change to account balances for certain dedicated funds which were depleted as part of the budgeting process.

Jeff Schwartz moved (Cadoff seconds):

To approve the submission of the fiscal 2013 budget to the congregation.

The motion passed by a vote of 14 in favor and one opposed.

Bergman indicated the congregation seeks a Facebook and social media expert to promote and maintain the congregation Facebook page.

Gottesman noted the dearth of photos of past religious classes and expressed a desire to add images showing some of the congregation's legacy.

Fellen moved to adjourn (Schwartz seconds).