

Congregation B'nai Tikah Board Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
August 4, 2003

Attendees: Janice Baer, Arie Behar, Gary Bergman, Bobbi Binder, Jeff Cadoff, Larry Cohen, Marc Dillman, Harvey Finkelstein, Madeline Gaynor, Cindy Gittleman, Cheryl Goldstein, Dan Greenberg, Mark Kasdin, Cyndi Kleinbart, Harold Schneider, Mark Sherman, Frank Waltzer, Gary Warner, Paul Zankel, Keith Zimmerman

Hadas Elami, Rabbi Eligberg, Cantor Rockman

Guests: Marty Abschutz, Mark Roller, Ann Rosenzweig, Sam Rosenzweig, Doris Sandrowitz

Meeting called to order at 8pm by Arie Behar

July's minutes approved by Dan Greenberg, seconded by Marc Dillman
Minutes approved with 4 abstentions

Rabbi: Torah study, Do the Ends Justify the Means?

President's report:

Replacing carpet in sanctuary work in process not costing us any money, defect in original carpet.

Israel committee: Travel to Israel in December possibility. Not ready to report anything. Youth and parents, no date set.

Past Presidents Shabbat: Date set for April 5, 2004. More info. to follow.

United Synagogue is celebrating its 90 year anniversary. Arie received letter from Rabbi Paul Friedman, copy passed around. Sept 15th, golf and tennis outing. Contact Arie if interested.

The Benoff family will be offered free membership for one year. Hadas needs something in writing to finalize this.

New Business:

Dan Greenberg:

Motion: Change wording in Constitution from "ritual committee" to "religious activities committee."

Second by Jeff Cadoff

Motion called.

All in favor of calling question: Passed

In favor of motion: 4

Opposed: 5 Abstained: 4

Motion denied

The name will not be changed in the Constitution; article will appear in Hakol alerting everyone to new name "Religious Activities Committee."

Dan Greenberg: The Constitution Committee met regarding the motion brought up last month to add past presidents to the board. Handout distributed.

In favor: 6

Opposed: 6

Abstain: 4

President breaks tie: Amendment is accepted. This will be presented at the congregational meeting in December.

Cemetery Report: - Handed out cemetery report submitted by Bette Koeffler. Rabbi questioned the wording on the report, specifically what is a "nonmember", would this be a relative of an existing members or and outsider? This would be relatives only.

Old business:

Expansion update: Kasdin - Bulk of effort is now in construction. Last month's meeting we recognized \$60,000 pledges which were past due. Hadas gave Mark a report to look at, Keith Zimmerman, Mark Roller, Jeff Schwartz also received report. 10% not collectible right now, families on special arrangements and they weren't on when pledges were made. 90% of the \$60,000 can be attributed to 20 families. Many of these families wanted to see construction begin before fulfilling their commitment. A letter will go out from Arie to these families asking that pledges be met. Kasdin feels we will get a good response from this approach.

Construction update: Paul Zankel - We have permits, things are set up. Schedule, trying to get site work done, utilities done before school starts. Kasdin: Attorney next door reviewing contract at no charge, thinking of making a donation in their name when this is all done. They have been very supportive. Arie will send a letter thanking them.

Caterer's contract included items that needed to be done in the synagogue over 10 years, including redoing the lady's and men's rooms. This has been done.

Mark Sherman: Locked in financing. The impact will be an increase of \$87/family.

Arie thanked Mark Sherman for his work.

Sherman: Emailed report. Details of scrip program sent out to assist in making the calls.

Warner: Wants board to make 17 phone calls to members. Sheets were passed around with the list of who to call.

Arie: We should get the answers to our questions before we make the phone calls. Have this set by the next meeting, we will wait one month

VP Report: Dan Greenberg - Report sent out via email.

Membership: Cindy Gittleman - Report sent out via email.

Programming: Gary Bergman - 9/6/04 Six Mile Run Church is sponsoring an interfaith service at Rutgers. Sons of Tikvah will be performing.

9/7: Somerset patriots, Jewish community day.

Calendar going to print tomorrow, took in a little over \$1500. Same as last year. Break even.

New forms on website.

There are over 230 people receiving email.

Social action first meeting in September. Mazon cards will be available in September.

School and Youth: Harold - As of June 30th nursery school had 51 students in morning program. Harold knows this number is growing and will submit revised budget to board to reflect actual numbers.

Financial Secretary: Hadas for Gary Tinkel: No changes in our numbers. Billing went out. Special arrangements not billed yet. Gary has to review these families' situations.

Treasurer's report: Marc Dillman - report passed out

Men's club: Mark Kasdin - There was a planning meeting in July. Lots of activities in the works. Ed Birch president. New member breakfast planned for September. Frank Waltzer in charge of programming. Bowling begins in September. People haven't told Gary if they are coming back and should do so. This is a good fundraiser for the synagogue.

Sisterhood: Cheryl Goldstein - Voted to contribute to the Tree of Life, they are buying a root. High Holiday cards available through Joyce Gerbman. Flowers will be available, ad will be in Hakol. Membership mailing going out mid August.

50 Plus Group: Madeline Gaynor - Submitted article to Hakol. There were 2 meetings and 2 trips this summer. Trips are upcoming. Next meeting September 23rd, 1pm, featuring exhibit at Jewish museum.

Rabbi: Interfaith service sponsored by Six Mile Run Church. Reverend Schuller is key note speaker. Shabbat services took place in the Kiddush room this past Shabbat. Feedback was that people liked it.

Good and Welfare:

Condolences: Steve Katz, father Frank passed away.

Recovery to Leah Behar, Rene'e Levin, Judy Roller's mother, Aaron Rosloff, Gary Tinkels' father, Normal Uroff,

Mazel tov: Kleinbarts new home,

Yasher koah: Sam Rosenzweig for reading Torah in Rabbi's absence,

Tammi Zimmerman and Jodi Marcou for organizing carnival for Maddie Bennoff,

Janice added that we refurnished the home of the family that lost their home to a fire this past year.

Janice motion to adjourn

2nd Gary Warner