

Minutes from Board of Directors meeting December 5, 2005

Meeting called to order at 8pm by president Danny Greenberg.

In attendance: Arie Behar, Gary Bergman, Bobbi Binder, Ed Birch, Jeff Cadoff, Larry Cohen, Marc Dillman, Marc Jiorle, Al Garten, Joyce Gerbman, Cindy Gittleman, Dan Greenberg, Mark Kasdin, Ruth Anne Koenick, Linda Kohn, Allison Nagelberg, Mark Sherman, David Spivak, Frank Waltzer, Gary Warner
Hadas Elami, Cantor Rockman

Motion to accept minutes from October's minutes

By Ed birch

Seconded by Gary Warner

Vote 13 in favor

Motion passes

Rabbi is at biennial convention in Boston. Cantor told everyone to read Rabbi's article about Mercaz and passed around voter registration forms.

President's report;

We have completed our listing for the rabbi search, our position has been listed. We are right on schedule for this process.

The cantor is in a contract year. We have commenced the review process. Anyone who would like to submit comments to Gary, Bobbi, Ruth Anne.

There will be a voting page for the new logo included in this month's Hakol. Encourage everyone to vote on the logo. Final tally will be done at the Hanukah party.

Encouraged all board members to take a walk into the school wing to make sure that kids aren't wandering around, doing things they should not be doing. We do not want to have to take drastic measures like posting a guard.

Need to schedule a dedication for people who gave substantial money for furnishings, offices, and rooms. Need a ceremony and how the day will work. Danny would like Cindy Gittleman to chair this.

Congregational meeting December 19th, notices will be mailed out by this Friday. This board sets agenda. Opened up discussion for what should be included on the agenda: Rabbi search progress

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Arie Behar regarding the PIP program.

In addition to any and all other programs covered by the Passport to Israel program, PIP matching funds will be made available to participants in the B'nai Tikvah Israel Youth Exchange Program, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the participant be enrolled in CBT or secular high school.
2. That the participant agree to provide 25 hours of service per year for three years to CBT

3. That the participant's parent or guardian sign a liability disclaimer (attached)
4. That the BTIYEP be approved by the Rabbi as an eligible program.
- 5 The participant family must be in good standing and current with all of their BT financial obligations.

Seconded by Mark Sherman

Vote; 20, motion carries unanimously.

MOTION BY MARK JIORLE

Move that the nursery school be allowed to sell engraved pavers for installation at the nursery school entrance with funds dedicated to the Nursery School special fund. Pavers shall be designed in cooperation with the Décor Committee. Sidewalk demolition and paver installation shall begin only after sufficient donations have been received to cover the cost of the project and provide a reasonable fundraising profit.

Seconded by Ruth Anne

Money will be given back if there is not enough collected. They will start where the door is. Price range starts \$75 up to \$300. Hebrew and logos can be accommodated. Hadas suggested a Noah's ark wall dedication instead so that we don't have to demolish.

Vote: in favor 20, unanimous in favor

OLD BUSINESS;

Ed Birch: Kadima bus could not come back into the parking lot after yesterday's event because the caterer was having an affair. Arie suggested that we just move the cones so that the bus could get in.

No update on litigation, Mitch not here. Waiting for architect to come up with a number of how much damages we can ask for.

Cantor's report:

Sons of Tikvah still hoping to have CD out by February performance.

Trying to do more community outreach.

Performing at Somerbrook in Jan and at a branch meeting for sisterhood in March. They would like some paid performances as well.

Mitzvah projects: Cantor would like us to do a project at our Chanukah party. He passed around information from NCJW of things that we can do.

Feb. 26 raise our voices at Anshe Emeth. There will be two shows, tickets will be 25 each.

Financial secretary, Mark Kasdin

441 member families, 291 fdpe, 81 on special arrangements.

7 or 8 members have not sent in their forms for the plaque dedication.

Treasurer's report: Marc Dillman

Report handed out, highlights were reviewed. Dues are probably a cash flow issue. Hebrew school income also a cash flow issue, funds coming in faster than anticipated. Room rent down \$4000, which also includes revenue from new room rental, which has been a little slow right now.

Marc also handed out an expansion fund accounting report through November 30, 2005.

VP reports:

Freshman beat the seniors in basketball, this was previously reported incorrectly.

Cindy reviewed the status of programming for the new wing. Moving along, some programs are set, some have fallen through. Our marketing person has been working diligently to find groups to come in and use our facilities. We have three contracts to use the multi purpose room for parties.

Dillman wants to know whether the cost of maintenance has come out of the numbers.

Auxiliary reports:

Sisterhood: Joyce thanked Cindy for solving the problem this past Sunday morning with the scheduling conflict.

Gift shop has expanded hours during the week even after the holidays.

December 11th Hanukah bazaar. We will be open on December 25th. Hoping to see a bigger return from the gift shop. Joint Sisterhood Men's club meeting this Sunday, Israeli dancing.

Men's club: Chanukah party at Boy Scout council in the afternoon.

January meeting: ALAN FREEDMAN making trip, Jewish sports hall of fame.

Holocaust garden, many articles have been written. May be a national article being printed.

April 30th induction Jewish sports hall of fame, we will be invited. Breakfast will be provided.

Mark Sherman: treasurer's report: collecting phone for women aware, donate to this cause.

Looking for donations for our big event on March 11th.

Thanked everyone who helped with super Sunday, over \$490,000 collected.

Larry Cohen: Israel bond office is closing in Highland Park; there will be one office in Livingston. When official notice is issued Larry will publish it.

Motion to adjourn by:

Gary Warner

Seconded by Ruth Anne