

Beth El Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes July 20, 2017

Members present: Abby Steele President, Neal Goldman, Past President, Charlie Frohman, Brotherhood President, Ron Van, Ed Marcel, Vickie Kennedy, Sisterhood President, Tracy Aquila, Cathy Winterfield, Vice President, Chip Morris, Treasurer.

Rabbi Matuson and Jacquie Sinder (office manager) were in attendance.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Abby Steele, President.

Approval of May Minutes: The June 2017 minutes were approved as corrected.

D'var Torah – Coming to the end of the Book of Numbers, we are faced with who is truly in authority, what constitutes a fanatic and how do we live with broken Shalom. Peace must be found within the absence of extremism. If we do not listen to the other side, how will we know how to heal and come to peace?

Treasurer: Chip reported that he is still hoping to put the financial reporting format into a simpler format. A substantial amount of fees were misdirected which created a potential loss for the last fiscal year. However, those errors have been corrected and we now have a much clearer picture of our financial position, which is significantly more robust than previously thought.

New Business Matters: A motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved to appoint Vickie Kennedy as Educational Director of the Religious School. A motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved to appoint Tracy Aquila to the Board of Directors.

Board Committee Chairs: Abby Steele, President, reminded the Board that the head of committees expires at the end of each fiscal year. Therefore, she will be appointing the new committee chairs for the coming year. Neal Goldman will chair Worship, Tracy Aquila will chair ways and means, Sherill Herzfeld will chair Communications and Marketing, David Adler will chair Caring Committee, Gail Greenfield will chair Membership, we are waiting on a commitment for the chair of Education as well as Adult Education and Social Justice. There are candidates for those positions who have not yet made a commitment.

President's Report: Abby Steele, President, thanked everyone in attendance for their support and commitment to Beth el. She stated that all opinions are respected and all approaches are welcomed. Abby expressed her desire for all of us to grow together as members of an outstanding synagogue while respecting each other's new ideas. If anyone has recommendations for committee chairs, please forward them to Abby. Also, if you wish to participate in the High Holidays, please let Abby or Neal know.

Sisterhood: Vickie Kennedy reported that there will be a Bake and Freeze in August and a Fashion Show in September. There are upcoming catering events as well.

Brotherhood: Charlie Frohman reported that the Dinner with the Rabbi has continued to be successful. There will be a Baseball Shrimp event on August 7th. Brotherhood looks forward to additional programming in the coming year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Board will be August 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathryn D. Winterfield, Acting Secretary.