

Beth El Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes June 22, 2017

Members present: Neal Goldman, President, Abby Steele, President Elect, Charlie Frohman, Vice President, Buzzy Klausner, Randy Levinson, Ron Van, Marty Siegal, Ed Mercel, Vickie Kennedy, Sisterhood President, Cathy Winterfield, Vice President, Chip Morris, Treasurer.

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

Guest: Gail Greenfield, incoming Board member.

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

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

D'var Torah– In the Book of Numbers, Korah presents serious challenges to Moses. The challenges allow Moses to come to an understanding of himself and brings peace with himself and with G-d. The passage gives Moses a sense of his own value and worth. That translates to our own since of values and our being worthy of leadership. There were 12 pieces of wood but only one sprouted creating the tree of life. Rabbi expressed his appreciation to Neal for his leadership.

President's Message – Neal reflected that in the last three and one-half years, there were certainly challenges and that he could not have succeeded without the support he received not only from the current members of the Board but past members during these years as well. Neal thanked Marty Siegal who preceded him as President who is now leaving the Board as well as Buzzy Klausner, outgoing board member, for his years of service. Neal further thanked Abby Steele for her commitment to take the torch forward as the incoming President. In closing, Neal expressed his appreciation for the growth of the current and past Board members over the three and one-half years. He especially expressed his pleasure with the conduct of the Board in how we address each other and speak with honesty and integrity while respecting each other's position.

Incoming Presidents Message –Abby presented Neal with a thank you card and gift from the Board in appreciation of his years of service. Abby stated that we can only be as good for our congregation if we respect each other. Our job is to take care of our congregants, our Rabbi and our staff. Abby thanked Neal for presenting the opportunity to move forward in the best direction possible. Abby said "We can only survive as our children thrive ". Abby feels that these are exciting times for Beth El.

Treasurer: Chip reported that the numbers presented at the Annual Meeting are consistent with the year end projections with the exception of income. There was a booking error regarding an income item that appears to have gone back for some years. As a result of correcting that error, the congregation will end the fiscal year with a surplus rather than the projected loss as presented at the Annual Meeting.

Business Matters:

Welcome new Board Members: Neal welcomed Gail Greenfield, Stuart Rosenfeld and Sherril Herzfeld as new members of the Board.

Annual Meeting: The By Law amendments passed overwhelming.

Committee Chair Assignments FY17-18: Neal reminded all that committee chair assignments expire as of the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2017. Abby will be appointing new committee chairs after that date.

New Business: Neal presented a Board Responsibilities and Expectations document that included a Code of Conduct that was on the URJ website and felt that it was applicable to our Board. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the documents, with minor revisions, be adopted by the Beth El Board of Trustees and that all Trustees will abide by the document. The motion passed unanimously. Revised copy attached.

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. 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 Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathryn D. Winterfield, Acting Secretary.