

Beth El Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes April 10, 2018

Members Present: Abby Steele, President; Neal Goldman, Past President; Rachel Marcus-Mitchell, Secretary; Chip Morris, Treasurer; Vickie Kennedy, Sisterhood; Sherill Herzfeld, Ed Mercel.

Rabbi Matuson was not in attendance. Jacquie Sinder, Executive Director was in attendance.

A quorum was not established however the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Abby Steele, President. Please note that there are three motions that will be voted upon by the Board of Trustees via email. They are presented here in Italics.

Approval of March Minutes: The March 8, 2017 minutes were approved and accepted.

D'var Torah: There was no D'var Torah as the Rabbi was sick.

President's message: A warm welcome from Abby Steele, President of the Board. "So, I have to say that we are sitting pretty good with regards to our fundraising efforts. Both the Gala and the Bob Hersh Classic, as well as the High Holiday campaign, have been very fruitful." I want to thank everyone for their effort and hard work to make these events a wonderful success." We are still getting bids on the last of auction items, and I am feeling pretty good right now."

Treasurer: Chip passed out the financials, Budget vs Actuals from July-March 2018. He confirmed that the major fundraisers have yielded a significant net profit, more than anticipated. Much discussion involved confirmation of the budget details with approximately \$80,000 of revenue above budget generated, thus far. The surplus will decline as we move through the fiscal year. "On the expense side we have not had emergencies of repair and maintenance, nor what we spent on survey work for an education building. We also have some lower salaries this year and we have had a couple of higher individual donations." The letter sent to the congregants about membership dues have resulted in good collections that added to our coffers. Chip thanked Jacquie for helping us look at next year's budget and projected new members. Vickie provided inputs for our school budget for next year.

The following are motions presented by the Board to be disseminated and voted via email:

- 1- *Raise the school tuition from \$720-\$750. This is effective for Fiscal year 7/1/18-6/30/19. Registration fees will remain the same.*
- 2- *Change the structure of the nonmember, single school year tuition, to allow for the differential payment made between the single year nonmember and regular member school tuition to be applied to the first year synagogue membership dues if the nonmember decides to join Beth El within the next year.*

- 3- *Allow the single year nonmember tuition dues to be applied to new students entering third grade. (The current policy is second grade)*

We have four potential new members' however they have not completed their applications.

Chip will be presenting the full Budget for the next Fiscal year to the Board at the May meeting.

Business Matters:

Board Committee Chair Reports and New Business:

Facilities – Ed reported that “we are slowly catching-up with the repairs”. Everything has been rekeyed, and the keys have been distributed. We renewed our contract with our previous lawn service, but he is not yet satisfied with their work.

Corned Beef Sale- Abby presented that we reconsider doing this because the price of the corned beef has risen by 90%. Therefore, we will not be implementing this fundraiser. We will reevaluate next year.

Nomination Committee- Neal reported that they are waiting for one last potential candidate to interview and then they will announce their decision, hopefully by next week. The Nominating Committee will advise the Board of their selected nominees.

Sisterhood- Vickie reported that everything is good. Miriam’s Seder was attended by 54 ladies and gentlemen. The next program is Belles, book club.

Congregational Meeting- June 6th. A letter to the Congregation and a ballot with all nominees will be in the mail 30 days prior to the meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Board will be, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Marcus-Hendry Mitchell

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