

Beth El The Beaches Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Minutes July 9, 2020

Members Present: Charlie Frohman, President; Rachel Marcus-Hendry Mitchell, Secretary; Chip Morris, interim Treasurer; Buzzy Klausner, Ron Van, David Adler, David Marco, Ilyse Greene, Neal Goldman, Vickie Kennedy.

Rabbi Matuson was not in attendance. Elissa Feldman, Office Manager was in attendance.

A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Charlie Frohman, President. Because of the quarantine, the Board meeting was conducted through ZOOM.

Approval of the June 11, 2020 Minutes: The minutes were unanimously approved.

D'var Torah: As the Rabbi was not present there was no D'var Torah. Discussed COVID-19 issues related to the Rabbi and following the CDC guidelines. We have requested that the Rabbi maintain the CDC conditions.

President's Message: Charlie welcomed new Board member Ilyse Greene. Ilyse enthusiastically accepted the position of Education Committee Chair.

Treasurer: Chip as interim Treasurer, did not have a report for this meeting. He has reached out to Gary Herzfeld with a number of questions. One new family membership has joined; we welcome the Berlin family. The Rabbi officiated over the husband's funeral. We had two family resignations; we currently have 162 members.

New Business:

Board resignations – Sherill and Gary Herzfeld tendered their letters of resignation as Board members and membership to Beth El. Sherill held the President Elect position, Gary held the position of Treasurer. Abby Steele resigned as Immediate Past President of the Board and she and her husband resigned their synagogue membership. Tracy Aquila resigned as Board Vice President; she has retained her membership.

Charlie presented the issues surrounding these resignations and there was a multitude of conversations with the resigning board members to remain on the board. All four resigned due to a desire for a stronger statement in support of Black Lives Matter and racial inequality. In addition, Sherill had related to Charlie that she was exhausted from all the work she had done for Beth El with less than adequate assistance from Synagogue members and other board members.

Charlie very much appreciates the contributions of all four. Charlie told all that the “the door is always open for a return to Beth El.” During the conversations Charlie expressed Beth El’s appreciation for all the hard work over the past few years and asked that they reconsider resigning their positions and membership.

Other board members expressed that they had also reached out to the resigning members. The discussion at the Board Meeting was long and it was clear that the folks who resigned will be missed personally and for the contributions they made and the hard work they did for Beth El.

Ilyse suggested we reach out to founding members and past board members to tap them for help and ideas regarding a myriad of issues, not necessarily the resignations.

Committee Reports:

Reopening Committee - Will reinstate. Discussing Live Streaming with David Zuckerman.

Legacy – On hold due to Covid, 70% of goal.

Sisterhood –Bobbi reported the following update: \$2,000 was donated to Beth El. A Zoom Havdalah service will be July 27th. BELLES book discussion was a success. Planning a TRIVIA ZOOM. Will be calling Sisterhood members to see how they are doing. Supporting JFCS with a social action drive collecting clothes, Vickie is the point person. Clothes will be delivered 7/31.

Brotherhood – Donated \$1,500 to Beth El. Past Zoom meeting with the Rabbi had approx. 12 participants. Next Zoom dinner 7/23.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be August 20th at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Marcus-Hendry Mitchell

Rachel Marcus-Hendry Mitchell, Secretary

Committee Reports

No Committee Reports were submitted to the Secretary for this meeting.