

Temple Israel of Northern Westchester  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2017

**Call to Order:** At 7:37 p.m., Glen Wolland called the meeting to order. The names of those in attendance are included by reference within the list of attendees.

**D'var Torah:** Michelle Neill delivered the D'var Torah. May's D'var will be delivered by Robin Goldberg.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

**Good and Welfare:** Mazel Tov to Dan and Renee Schwarz on the birth of their son David Robert; Refuah Shleimah to Rosalind Morrissey and Wendy Masserman.

**Security Update:** Robin met with the Croton Police to talk about what we could do in the event of a dangerous event occurring. We need to talk about security on Friday nights and during religious school. Robin will call a security company to get a proposal about having security guards present at all temple events.

**Mommy and Me:** This organization is renting space 3 days per week for newborns to children 4 years old. There are 10-15 kids per session.

**Spring Fund Raiser/Raffle:** Sue provided the update and three goals were announced: (1) Celebrate Eddie; (2) have a wonderful evening; and (3) make money. We seek to raise money through: (1) ticket sales; (2) sponsors – one price \$500; (3) tribute lines to Eddie (\$36 each); (4) car raffle ticket sales; (5) three on-site fundraising activities; and (6) a paddle auction. Invitations will go out by the end of this month.

**Treasurers Report:** Arlen provided the report. Financial status continues to be favorable for fiscal year '16 - '17. Pledges are \$50K ahead of our budget. The number of pledges (members) is 14 over the projected budget. The average pledge is up \$66 over last year. CJL enrollment is at 201 students and CJL revenue is \$8500 over budget. At this point, barring unanticipated major expenses, we are projecting an anticipated \$100K surplus for the year. The Finance Committee has met and prepared a preliminary budget for '17 – '18. That budget will be presented at the April Board meeting. The Board will consider the proposed budget and will vote on acceptance at the May meeting. If accepted, the budget will be presented at the Congregational Meeting scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**TINW Web Site:** We will not be continuing with J-Village. We are looking into another company.

**Board of Trustee Size:** Glen addressed the need to reduce the size of our board. He proposed a reduction of 6 board positions over the next 3 years. Glen will propose by-law modifications to the Board at a later date.

**Nominating Committee:** Lori has agreed to become the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Jen McLaughlin agreed to serve on the ad hoc committee as the second required Board Member.

**Social Justice Committee:** Rabbi Jaech spoke about the need to have an active and thriving social justice committee. Rabbi is reaching out to people to help her to revitalize this committee. Terry Kardos and Ellen Greely have been chairing the committee for many years. Pursuant to last year's By-Law revision, they will be stepping down soon.

**Learning Tool Survey:** Evan addressed the Learning Tool Survey and the Board got a preview of TINW's marketing video that will promote the survey. All Board members are required to complete the survey. Please help spread the word and ensure that every adult member completes the survey.

**Rabbi's Report:** On April 2, 2017 at 5-7pm, TINW will host the second Croton Houses of Worship Leadership Meeting, at which there will be a presentation on the "Stories of Immigration". Additionally, Rabbi will be away in Atlanta in the third week of March for the Second Conference of Rabbis in America in Atlanta. There will be several programs on the arc of civil rights.

**Cantor's Report:** We are having a "Pink Hat Purim". There will be a dinner beforehand with sandwiches and festive drinks for the occasion. The dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the Purim Shpiel starts at 7. Last year, we piloted a teen band program. We worked with 7<sup>th</sup> graders to tap into those who play instruments. Many who participated continued on to be 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the CJL. Cantor is now

working with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to build a musical bridge and incentivize a musical way to continue on post Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We will have a multi-generational service in May that will feature our new teen band. Cantor worked with Mark Casso and Robin to create and send out CD's to people who made generous donations to the Hannukah-thon. June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Shabbat inspired by Broadway. Glee Club and Selah are working on our 5<sup>th</sup> Shabbat – a congregational dinner sponsored by a donor. Cantor is reviewing a number of new choral compositions that will eventually get published.

**President's Report:** Glen attended the Scheidt Seminar in San Diego. It was a transformative and amazing experience. Glen got to study Talmud with rabbinical leaders, meet terrific people and spend an hour with Rabbi Rick Jacobs who is the President of the Reform movement.

**Executive Session at 9:15 p.m**

**Adjournment:** Evan moved to adjourn, which was seconded and all were in favor.