

**Temple Israel of Northern Westchester  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2019**

**Call to Order**

Glen Wolland called the Board meeting to order at 7:33pm.

**D'Var Torah**

Norman Newman delivered the summary of the section on building the Tabernacle, and commentary. Steve Samuels will deliver the d'var in April and Glen Wolland in May.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written from the Feb. 7 meeting. The motion was seconded, and all were in favor.

**Good and Welfare**

Condolences to Steve Pollak on the death of his father, Henry Pollak; to Nancy Peller on the death of her husband, Rick Peller. Gene Morrissey, long-time TINW member, died. Mazel tov to Charlie Linz on his 98th birthday.

**Security Update**

Glen reported on the internal assessment that was submitted. Homeland Security mandated an exterior assessment, which makes TINW qualified to receive a grant to execute the program. The assessments highlighted items that TINW was already aware of. Steve Krisky requested making the assessments available to Board members, which Glen agreed to.

**Spring Fundraiser update**

Sue Feir reported on progress. There will be 5 raffle baskets, including a repeat of last year's Board lottery tickets collection. Each Board member is asked to contribute \$20 towards this. Event invitations are going out April 3. Silent Auction (led by Marylin Newman) needs donations. No casino tables due to lack of space.

**Nominating Committee update**

Lisa Dashman reported that calls have been made to all Officers and Trustees to determine whether they are renewing their term, moving to another position, or stepping off the Board (term is up or for another reason). Those who are leaving were warmly thanked for their service. The next step for the committee is to compile a list of candidates to fill the open spots. Suggestions for this have been offered by Steve Samuels and Lisa; Lisa is reaching out to Rabbi Jaech and Michelle Minoff for additional suggestions. The final slate will be presented to the Board at its April meeting, then to TINW members at the annual congregational meeting on May 19.

**Shabbat Hosts update**

Rabbi Jaech thinks this program "is a fabulous success." The host wears a name tag and greets every person who comes to the Friday *shabbat* service. There has been positive feedback about the hosts, whose overarching purpose is to make everyone feel welcome. Board members are in rotation as the Friday host.

### **Yorktown Property update**

TINW has retained an attorney to help prepare for filing with the NYS Attorney General, required in order to get approval to sell the property. The real estate broker who reached out to TINW a few months ago, then disappeared, has reached out again with (supposedly) a firm buyer. No action is being taken yet.

### **RAC NY update**

Rabbi Jaech reminded the Board about our input about “issues that keep you up at night” at the January meeting. As a result of this input and other congregations’ input, the key issue RAC will focus on is enabling every qualified person, regardless of immigration status, to receive a driver’s license, enabling them to have an approved form of government ID. Rabbi will host a breakfast on March 24 at 10am in the TINW Community Room, including NYS Senators Peter Harkham and David Carlucci and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef to further discuss this project.

### **President’s Report**

TINW Band Leader Sari Goetz is leaving in April.

### **Finance Topics**

- *K-2 CJL for non-members* – There’s been discussion about permitting children of non-TINW members to enroll, but with a higher tuition fee (possibly 50% higher). Mark Casso asked how that would impact membership; Glen replied that it might attract new members, rather than waiting until they “have to” join in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to qualify for the *bat/bar mitzvah* program. Rabbi Pein said this program would help lower the financial barrier to entry for families. Melissa Frey confirmed temple dues are a barrier. Norman Newman suggested charging \$500 for K-2 with 1 year of free TINW membership. Rabbi Jaech pointed out that this kind of program is not part of the Education Committee’s mission, so they should not be asked for a recommendation; rather, it should come from the Board. Steve Samuels made a motion to do a 2-year pilot program wherein new families can enroll their first child in K-2 CJL with no TINW membership and with a 50% higher-than-member-rate tuition. Once that child reaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, then TINW membership will be discussed. This motion was voted on, and it passed.
- *Capital Budget Review* – Glen reported. (See attachment.) Projects to meet Homeland Security requirement are not included. Active Projects, both existing and new, total \$28,550. A motion was made to pass the Capital Budget, a vote taken, and it passed.
- *Operating Budget Review* – Arlen Epstein reported. (See attachment.) \$35,888 deficit from 2017-2018 has been closed. Childrenspace North contributing more than double its projected revenue. Alan Brott reported on moving 10% (approximately \$140K) of Vanguard monies into a Fixed Interest-bearing account; this is not a CD because the interest rate fluctuates, is not fixed for the term of the account.

### **Executive Session**

#### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made, which was seconded. It was voted on, and the meeting concluded at 9:22pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 4 at 7:30pm.