

Temple Israel of Northern Westchester
Board Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2019

Call to Order: At 7:35 p.m., Glen Wolland called the board meeting to order. The names of those in attendance are included by reference within the list of attendees.

D'var Torah: Steve Rubinstein delivered the D'var Torah.

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

Good & Welfare: Mazel Tov: to Lynn and Jeff Smith on the birth of their granddaughter, Frida Rose Adler Smith;
Deaths: Alice Schraier, mother of Peter Schraier; Gloria Silverman, friend of Marilyn Newman; Evelyn Philips, grandmother of Cantor Fogelman; Ruth Goldfarb, aunt of Linda Samuels; Theresa Braun, sister of John Gehebe;
Refuah Shleimah: Eddie Pleasant

Eagle Scout Project Proposal: Max Frey, a Life Scout from Troop 28 in Croton, and a member of TINW, gave a presentation to pitch his proposed Eagle Scout project. The proposed project is to construct a permanent Gaga Pit on TINW property. TINW currently has a temporary Gaga Pit. This would permit CJL students to be outside and congregate away from traffic. The Gaga Pit would fulfill Max's Eagle Scout project. This will be further addressed with the TINW Building Committee.

Security Update: Fred Safarowic and Matt Fraternala have done their first walk thru to assess security issues. Next Wednesday, a representative from the URJ is coming to assess our security issues. Arlen Epstein attended a Putnam Valley security meeting on February 6th. A facilitator, who is a security consultant, helped to oversee the discussion, including a number of different scenarios. The exemplar scenarios prompted a discussion about having protocols to deal with specific situations. The next meeting is set for March. Arlen is going to continue to attend these meetings.

Spring Fundraiser: Sue Feir advised that the "Save the Date" cards (created by Lori and Mike DePaolo) went out yesterday. The fundraiser will be held on June 1st at Captain Lawrence Brewery. The per person ticket price is \$100. There will be a silent auction. We will once again have raffle baskets, including a TINW Board-sponsored basket. Lori DePaolo spoke about the fun casino tables at the fundraiser.

"Green" Committee: Cobe Rinke, the student who presented his composting concept to the Board during the December meeting, will receive assistance from Steve Krisky.

Nominating Committee/Board Expectations: Lisa Dashman, Lori DePaolo, Dan Palevski, Iris Levine, Carol Levin were presented by Glen as the Committee members. A motion was made to approve the composition of the Nominating Committee, which was seconded, and all were in favor.

The Nominating Committee will conduct a Board Survey:

- a. Are you planning on continuing your board service?
 - i. Meeting attendance - no less than 8 out of 11 meetings. 3 in a row without extenuating circumstances will result in automatic request to step down.
 - ii. Committee participation - at least one standing or ad hoc committee.
 - iii. Attend one service per month minimally

iv. Bar/Bat Mitzvah gift giving - will be assigned, along with Brotherhood and sisterhood boards

v. Shabbat Hosts - same as above. (Both count as attendance)

Shabbat Hosts update: Rabbi Jaech provided an update from the prior meeting's discussion concerning the creation of a Shabbat Host program. We will have Shabbat Hosts assigned to each service. Guidelines have now been drafted. The role of the Shabbat Host will include: arriving 30 minutes before services; wearing a badge that identifies the Shabbat Host as a host; mingling in the lobby; assisting with directions to restrooms, etc.; and offering quiet toys/books for children that accompany parents to services. A child area will be set up in the Oneg Room for services. The host will assist people who might need a band-aid or a cough drop during the service. At the Oneg Shabbat, the host will look for people who are standing alone to assist in making introductions and ensuring that we are welcoming.

Finance Topics:

- **Budget Prep Schedule** – February 27th Finance Committee meeting. We will receive the proposed budget in March. We need to disseminate the budget to the community in April.
- **K-2 CJL for non-members** – This topic is being discussed by the Finance Committee. Helen Lynn addressed that the Education Committee thought that this proposal should be limited to Kindergarten through First Grade. Helen also addressed that the Educational Committee is considering whether TINW should offer free family membership until a family's first child has reached the First Grade. Additional details concerning the proposals
- **Possible Dues Model Changes** – We are again discussing adding different pledge models.

Reports:

- **Rabbi** – Rabbi addressed that she will be away this Shabbat while traveling to DC with the Confirmation class. In two weeks, Rabbi will be away for the memorial service of the mother of Rabbi's daughter-in-law.
- **President** – Glen addressed that our TINW band leader, Sari, is leaving TINW as of April 12th. Glen next addressed that our TINW benefactor has agreed to fund our Director of Community Engagement for another year.
- **Sisterhood:** Andrea Wertheimer reminded everyone of the "Shoes and Baggage" one-woman musical that is upcoming.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded. All were in favor. The meeting concluded.