

TINW Board of Trustees
September 6, 2018

At 7:35 PM Glen called the meeting to order.

The names of those in attendance are included by reference within the list of attendees.

Dvar Torah given by Laura Kivel. October D'var will be given by Sue Feir.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

Good and Welfare:

Mazel Tov to Michelle Franks and John Neill on Talia becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Deaths: Joan Kazin, beloved member of TINW

Millie Bodenstein, grandmother of Lisa Brown

Robert Newman, brother of Tom Newman

The new website has had a soft launch. It is a work in progress. Kudos to Steve Samuels for directing this project and thanks to Michelle Minoff for her work on content.

Rabbi Jaech asked for Board members to serve as “High Holy Day hosts” to be a welcoming face as they greet congregants and guests at services.

The Board of Trustees will have a retreat, off-site, on October 21st.
It will be from 2-6pm with dinner.

Jon Fein and Steve Rubenstein have offered to conduct leadership training to cultivate future Temple leaders. Details TBA.

At the October meeting the main agenda item will be the Yorktown property—an open forum with all questions and comments “on the table.”

Treasurer Arlen Epstein's Report:

There was a \$26,000. Surplus from fiscal year '17-'18

The average pledge is up and only slightly down in number of pledges from last year

There are 5 new memberships to date vs. 20 at this time last year

Rabbi Pein's Report:

There has been a drop-off of enrollments in the younger grades but robust enrollment in the upper grades. Ten students are committing to the confirmation class '18-'19! Staci Shapiro will work with student aides. Lane Chazdon trained in “Hebrew Through Movement.” Laura Copel is enrolling in an HUC training course. Rabbi Pein took courses this past summer and visited Israel. The 8th and 9th grades will work with (donated) iPads to explore such questions as “How do you define who is a Jew?”

Youth Group Report (Ilana Epstein):

Lots of kids, lots of activities, lots of socializing

Rabbi Jaech's Report:

Smooth transition with Cantor Fogelman

Our Rabbi expressed gratitude for her professional development time to “stay young and keep growing”

Pres. Glen Wolland's Report:

The Phair, Finkelstein, Harel and Lyons families were voted in as new members.

Children's Space North Daycare is "up and "running." It is nice to have young children (and soon babies) in our midst. Richie Schupper spoke about "membership warning" – we need to step-up our outreach and express to the community that we are a welcoming place for EVERYONE. Sylvana Trabout will brain storm some more with David Oelner, Evan Janush and Richie. Sue Feir offered to poll recently joined older members to see what engaged them.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.