

Minutes of Temple Sinai Board of Trustees January 18, 2017

Board Members Present (25 Board Members): Jennifer Alderman, Jon Braslaw, John Citron, Liz Daoust, Matti Fromson, Ben Galison, Richard Hart, Melissa Heller, Neil Jacobson, Adrienne Kirschner, Emmett Koehler, CeCe Langs, Jacob Levine, Tom McCleary, Susan Rosenthal, Frances Rotolo, Bart Schenone, Sydney Firestone Schimmel, Sam Schuchat, Joan Waranoff, Helena Weiss-Duman, Phil Witte

Absent: Erik Zwerling, Robert Einspruch, Debra Schoenberg

Staff Present: Rabbi Mates-Muchin, Rabbi Regev, Ellen Lefkowitz, Dorian Farrow, Cantor Keys

President Sam Schuchat called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

7:05 New Style D'var Torah – *John Citron*

7:12 Approval of December Minutes and Bima Sign ups – *Emmett Koehler*

7:15 Consent Calendar:

- A. Membership Report – *Dorian Farrow (attachment)*
- B. Parsonage for Cantor Keys *(attachment)*
- C. Parsonage for Rabbi Regev *(attachment)*
- D. Parsonage for Rabbi Mates-Muchin *(attachment)*
- E. Resolution Regarding two gifts of stock *(attachment)*
- F. Jewish Disability Awareness Month *(Attachment)*

7:25 Financial Report – *Jon Braslaw and Dorian Farrow (attachments)*

- a. Year to Date *(attachment)*
 - a. Half way through the year, would expect expenses to be at 52% of budget with severance and high holy day costs, but at 48%.
 - b. Finance committee will determine the amount of debt we can pay down.
- b. Refinancing our mortgage *(attachment)*. The Temple is working with First Republic Bank to refinance our debt obligations. The new arrangement will reduce interest by \$35,000 per year and create a more affordable repayment requirement in the future.

7:45 Meet your staff: Ellen Lefkowitz

7:60 Proposal Regarding Temple Sinai Archives – *Fred Issac & Adrienne Kirschner (attachment)*

- a. Board agrees for Fred and Adrienne to enter into discussion with entities to archive items.
- b. Any agreement would be brought back to the Board for final approval.

8:20 Development Report – *Melissa Heller*

- a. Yesod – total pledge over 3 million; 2.2 million paid; 900,000 pledges outstanding
- b. Annual Campaign – \$76,000 (124 gifts)
- c. Life and legacy – 10 new individuals, need 8 additional individuals to receive matching funds

Reminder of Jewish Disability and inclusion month.

Sun Feb 12 – Tu B’shevat Seder

8:40 Report from the Visioning Task Force – *Rabbi Mates-Muchin*

- a. Looking at mission statement and the feelings/ideas behind it.
- b. Examine what is working and what needs to be discussed
- c. Shema statement – 6 word statement that captures who we are both aspirational and inspirational.
- d. Homework – look through mission statement before February meeting

8:52 Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Emmett Koehler