

Minutes of Temple Sinai Board of Trustees
May 17, 2017

Board Members Present (19 Board Members): Jennifer Alderman, Jon Braslaw, John Citron, Liz Daoust, Robert Einspruch, Matti Fromson, Richard Hart, Melissa Heller, Neil Jacobson, Emmett Koehler, CeCe Langs, Jacob Levine, Tom McCleary, Frances Rotolo, Bart Schenone, Sydney Firestone Schimmel, Debra Schoenberg, Sam Schuchat, Joan Waranoff, Erik Zwerling

Absent: Ben Galison, Karen Tanner, Phil Witte, Susan Rosenthal

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

7:00 D'var Torah – *Frances Rotolo*

7:10 Approval of May Minutes and Bima Sign ups – *Emmett Koehler*

7:20 Consent Calendar:

- Membership Report – *Dorian Farrow (attachment)*
- Sabbatical Report – *Sue Bojdak (attachment)*

7:25 Finances (*Jon Braslaw & Dorian Farrow*)

- Year to Date Finance Report (*attachment*)
 - Temple Sinai cemetery hasn't met revenue targets
- Approval of a Budget for FY 2017-18 (*attachment*)
 - Board approves the proposed FY 2017-18 budget

7:45 The Railing Project – *Dorian Farrow*

- Skateboarders are using the front steps and access ramp
- The project will increase height of the access ramp railing to discourage use by skateboarders.
- \$7500 for the project and will take one day
- The new railing on the front steps will also help accessibility
- Rabbi Adar was consulted as part of access committee
- The Board approves funding for railing project

8:00 Naming our Preschool – *Sam Schuchat (attachment)*

- Propose to rename the preschool, the Temple Sinai David Pregerson Preschool
- Important to communicate the name change to the Preschool and TS community
- Board approves renaming the preschool after David Pregerson
- Additional information will be provided during the High Holy Days and the September bulletin.

8:20 Report on the Teen Task Force – *Sue Bojdak (attachment)*

- SiTY – Sinai Temple Youth

- A unified program, which will launch in September
- Will work with National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY)
- Will continue to change and improve the program, adding programming and growing dynamically.

8:30 Appoint a task force to nominate the next Temple President Elect – *Sam Schuchat/Matti Fromson*

- The task force will present a proposed President Elect at the June board meeting.
- The members of the task force are Matti Fromson, Arnie Brown, Melissa Heller, Jeff Pillar, Jon Braslaw, and Sam Schuchat
- The Board approves the appointment of the President Elect nominating task force.

8:40 Donating our archives to UC Berkeley *Sam Schuchat (attachment)*

- Fred Isaac had proposed at the January board meeting to donate a part of Temple Sinai's archival materials to UC Berkeley (UCB).
- The UCB agreement was reviewed by Mike Baker. Item #7 of the contract gives the option to have archival material returned before being disposed.
- Fred will go through all of the archival material to decide what we will keep, what we will scan/digitize, and what we will donate to UCB. This will be reported back to the Board.
- The Board sends back to committee to collect additional information

9:00 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Emmett Koehler