

Minutes of Temple Sinai Board of Trustees

Wednesday Aug 16, 2017, 24 Av 5777

Board Members Present (19 Board Members): Megan Bacigalupi, Jon Braslaw, John Citron, Matti Fromson, Richard Hart, Melissa Heller, Neil Jacobson, Sara Klein, Emmett Koehler, CeCe Langs, Tom McCleary, Susan Rosenthal, Bart Schenone, Sydney Firestone Schimmel, Sam Schuchat, Andrew Shear, Karen Tanner, Joan Waranoff, Phil Witte, Erik Zwerling

Absent: Jacob Levine, Frances Rotolo, Ben Galison, Debra Schoenberg

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

7:00 D'var Torah – Bart Schenone

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

7:12 Consent Calendar:

- Membership Report – *Dorian Farrow (attachment)*
- Amendment to the December 2016 resolution regarding Sanctuary (*attachment*)

7:14 Nominating Committee report (*information, attachment*)

- Nominees for the Board:
 - Jon Braslaw and Debra Schoenberg for second terms
 - Liz Daoust
 - Diane Grauer
 - Laurie Leiber
 - Sydney Firestone Schimmel
 - Ann Schmitz

7:16 Financial Report – *Jon Braslaw*

- Program revenue came in at 2% over budget.
- We are slightly under overall expenses with a surplus of \$325,000.
- The surplus is a result of cost controls and a focus on collecting outstanding funds.
- The cemetery is off in revenue and will end the year with a deficit.

7:40 Plan for Completing Yesod – Schuchat (*information, attachment*)

- There will be additional outreach to the community. Out of 300 of people listed as possible donors, only 150 have been contacted
- The October board meeting will make calls to the remaining 160 people listed as possible donors.
- The completion of the Yesod can run in parallel with the annual giving campaign.
- The campaign will conclude by reaching out to the remainder of the congregation, potentially working through Temple affinity group.

8:07 Cemetery Update (*information*)

- Sinai Memorial Chapel (SMC) will fill in for Robin while she is out.
- The Temple has executed a contract with SMC to temporarily take over cemetery administration. The first month is free with a month-to-month agreement, future month's fees to be discussed.

8:12 Membership Committee Update (*information*)

- There is a new affinity group – New Baby Group – that focuses on families with children under 2 years old. The group will include current members of Temple Sinai as well as prospective members.
- There have been 700 membership renewals; 70% of all families have renewed so far. Membership renewal commitments are up slightly over last year.

As a reminder, November 10 will be the Board member installation service.

8:20 Executive Session followed by adjournment

- The Board unanimously voted to recommend the reelection of Rabbi Mates-Muchin as Senior Rabbi.

8:40 Adjournment