

MINUTES
Temple Sinai Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, September 27, 2018, 18 Tishrei 5779

Board Members Present

Jon Braslaw, Liz Daoust, Matti Fromson, Diane Grauer, Richard Hart, Melissa Heller, Neal Jacobson, Sara Klein, Maya Levi, Laurie Lieber, Sydney Schimmel, Anne Schmitz, Debra Schoenberg, Andrew Shear, Karen Tanner, Joan Waranoff, Phil Witte

Absent

Megan Bacigalupi, Susan Rosenthal, Frances Rotolo, Bart Schenone, Sam Schuchat, Erik Zwerling

Staff Present

Dorian Farrow, Cantor Keys, Rabbi Mates-Muchin

7:00 Welcome

7:10 Approval of August 2018 Board meeting Minutes

- Will approve in October; Liz will email the edited version to the board tonight.

7:15 Consent Calendar:

Membership Report – *Dorian Farrow*

- 22 new members, *approved by all*.

7:18 Financial and Membership Update (*Jon Braslaw/Dorian Farrow*)

- Membership: 924 families (both renewals and new members); 35 new member families so far this year and 30 families have not yet renewed.
- Membership yield at the highest it's been the past 4 years (have only been tracking this long); generous Tzedakah donors as well. The temple is working to make Tzedakah memberships more defined and also figuring out a way to honor these members.
- Finance committee will work on a long-term investment plan in the coming year.
- Annual giving will launch shortly with a true cause/focus for the year.
- Fiscal year end: close to what we projected, everything should be finalized before the annual meeting in October.

7:25 Saturday Morning Bimah Honors- *Phil Rubin*

- There are some details and paperwork board members need to take care of for bar/bat mitzvahs.
- Handouts from Phil explain steps/process for Saturday morning services; these will be laminated and on the Bimah each week.

7:40 Cemetery Discussion

- The temple does not have a robust perpetual care fund to take care of the cemetery for the long term, it requires high staffing costs, and is comprised of a finite area of land/plots.
- The Board discussed a proposal with respect to the future guardianship of Home of Eternity cemetery.

Board questions and discussion.

9:05 Adjourn

Note Board Meetings for Remainder of 2018:

October 17

November 14 (note, second Wednesday not third)

December 19