

**MINUTES**  
**Temple Sinai Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 8 Cheshvan 5779**

Board Members Present

Megan Bacigalupi, Jon Braslaw, Liz Daoust, Matti Fromson, Diane Grauer, Richard Hart, Melissa Heller, Neal Jacobson, Sara Klein, Susan Rosenthal, Frances Rotolo, Bart Schenone, Sydney Schimmel, Debra Schoenberg, Anne Schmitz, Sam Schuchat, Andrew Shear, Karen Tanner, Joan Waranoff, Erik Zwerling

Absent

Laurie Lieber, Maya Levi, Phil Witte

Staff Present

Dorian Farrow, Cantor Keys, Rabbi Mates-Muchin, Rabbi Regev

Guest Present

Seth Rosen

7:00 Welcome

7:05 D'var Torah – Sydney Schimmel

7:15 Approval of August 2018 and September 2018 Board meeting Minutes  
*All approved amended August minutes; will hold September minutes and approve next month.*

7:20 Consent Calendar:  
Membership Report – Dorian Farrow  
*All approved new members.*

7:22 Financial and Membership Update - Jon Braslaw/Dorian Farrow

- Only 22 households haven't renewed; they will be dropped from membership before the Annual Meeting. This year had the lowest number of not yet renewed households in historical memory.
- Finance committee and executive committee optimistic about financials; all looks strong and we are currently under budget for the year.

7:35 Cemetery– Seth Rosen/Sara Klein/Dorian Farrow/Rabbi Mates-Muchin

- The Board discussed a proposal with respect to the future guardianship of Home of Eternity cemetery.

8:15 Update and Seeking Board Input on Director of Education Search – Andrew Shear

- The search process is moving forward; this month gathering input from congregants with several coffees scheduled.
- So far, people have been sharing their thoughts about the religious school and 42 people have filled out the online survey. Andrew asked the board for their feedback on the search as well.

8:25 Annual Giving Priority – Dorian Farrow

- Last year, we focused on Yesod campaign completion in addition to annual giving. This year, we would like to have a clear purpose for the annual giving drive- something to improve the community's experience at the temple.

- There is a proposal to fund a sound system to improve video and sound/streaming in Sanctuary, which will cost around \$300K (of which a donor has committed \$100K).
- Rabbi Regev and Cantor Keys have met and discussed with several potential vendors; the bulk of the cost is in laying cables in the Sanctuary space.
- If we go this route, need to decide focus for annual giving at the November board meeting; will revisit and discuss then.

9:10 Good and Welfare – Farewell to Sam Schuchat

9:15 Adjourn

**Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:**

**November 14 (note, second Wednesday not third)**

**December 19**

**January 16**

**February 20**

**March 27 (note, fourth Wednesday not third)**