

MINUTES
Temple Sinai Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2019; 10 Iyyar 5779

Board Members Present

Megan Bacigalupi, Jon Braslaw, Liz Daoust, Matti Fromson, Diane Grauer, Melissa Heller, Neil Jacobson, Sara Klein, Jim Manheimer, Frances Rotolo, Bart Schenone, Anne Schmitz, Debra Schoenberg, Andrew Shear, Karen Tanner, Joan Waranoff, Phil Witte, Erik Zwerling

Absent

Calvin Gibbs, Richard Hart, Josh Kuluva, Laurie Leiber, Maya Levi, Susan Rosenthal, Sydney Schimmel

Staff Present

Cantor Keys, Ellen Lefkowitz, Rabbi Mates-Muchin, Rabbi Regev

7:05 Call to Order

7:06 Cemetery Proposal- Sara Klein and Seth Rosen

- There is currently a property line issue with some of the gravesites.
- SMC and Mountain View Cemetery have negotiated a solution; road, curb, and planter are to be fixed for \$46.9K. There is a proposal being considered in which SMC and Temple Sinai would split the cost of these repairs.
- Payment would be solely for contractor to complete the work and does not affect the actual transaction cost. The contractor has already been present completing other work for SMC.
- Board approval for \$25K was requested.

Neil Jacobson moved to approve the funding request, Bart Schenone seconded. All approved.

7:22 Approval of April 2019 Board meeting Minutes

Neil Jacobson moved to approve the Minutes, Phil Witte seconded. All approved.

7:24 Consent Calendar:
Membership Report

All approved new members.

7:28 Finance Update and Approval of 2019-2020 Budget –Jon Braslaw

- Budget is straightforward and no changes have been made since the April meeting.
- Cemetery transfer funds will be separate from the general annual budget/operating expenses.

Bart Schenone moved to approve the budget, Matti Fromson seconded. All approved.

7:35 URJ Project Excellence – Ellen Lefkowitz

- A new pilot project is being launched: communities will be part of a year-long process to examine their early childhood education programs and figure out ways to grow and improve. Ten schools nationally were accepted into the first cohort, including TSDP Preschool.
- Participating schools will meet at the URJ Biennial in December.

- 7:42 Executive Director Search – Sara Klein/Rabbi Mates-Muchin/Jon Braslaw
- There are more promising candidates for the settled position (vs. an interim) so will focus our search efforts on a permanent hire.
 - A candidate is coming for an on-site interview at the end of May.
 - The search committee has been established: Sue Bachman, Arnie Brown, Steve Goldstein, Becky Chase, Eileen Ruby, Jon Braslaw, Sara Klein, and Rabbi Mates-Muchin.
- 7:52 Nominating Committee for 2019-2020 Board – Matti Fromson
- Fred Issac has stepped down from the committee and Jill Sapier will take his place. The committee will meet soon and start to move forward with the process; two board seats need to be filled for next year.
- 7:55 Nomination of President-Elect – Sara Klein
- President role can be either two or three years; Sara has decided not to serve a third year.
 - Jon Braslaw has agreed to serve as President starting next year; he was nominated by the Executive Committee.
 - The board will vote on the president selection at next month's meeting.
- 7:58 Sound System Repair- Rabbi Regev
- The board previously approved 22K for the sanctuary sound system repair. The project was completed last week; a current regulator was needed as surges have been affecting the building.
 - The clergy now have the ability to control the sound in all spaces and transfer the sound between spaces. Other parts of the system may continue to age out and will need future repair and replacement.
- 8:05 Farewells and Adjourn
- Diane Grauer will be moving with her family to Chicago; tonight is her last meeting.
- 8:18 Executive Session

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

June 19

NO BOARD MEETING IN JULY

August 21

September 18