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Temple Sinai Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, June 19, 2019; 16 Sivan 5779

Board Members Present

Megan Bacigalupi, Jon Braslaw, Liz Daoust, Matti Fromson, Richard Hart, Neil Jacobson, Sara Klein, Josh Kuluva, Laurie Leiber, Maya Levi, Jim Manheimer, Susan Rosenthal, Bart Schenone, Debra Schoenberg, Sydney Schimmel, Anne Schmitz, Andrew Shear, Joan Waranoff, Phil Witte, Erik Zwerling

Board Members Absent

Calvin Gibbs, Melissa Heller, Frances Rotolo, Karen Tanner

Staff Present

Stephanie Ben-Simon, Cantor Keys, Rabbi Mates-Muchin

7:07 Call to Order

7:09 D'var Torah – Maya Levi

7:11 Approval of May 2019 Board meeting Minutes

Susan Rosenthal moved to approve, Joan Waranoff seconded. All approved.

7:12 Consent Calendar

Membership Report

All approved new members.

7:15 Finance and Membership Renewal Update – Sydney Schimmel

- We are close to the end of the year, with little change since the budget forecast in May. Revenue will exceed budget by \$47K and fundraising by \$167K (mainly due to security donations); we will end the year in a positive place from a cash perspective.
- Cemetery: Sinai Memorial Chapel did renovations on behalf of Temple Sinai (which started before the transfer). Temple Sinai paid for \$68K of these renovations, but will be netted out of the total so we will pay \$68K less when we close.
- Membership: We are \$230K ahead of last year in terms of pledges. 287 families have pledged, versus 202 at this point in 2018.

7:27 Strategic Visioning Task Force – Board guests Linsey Morrison and Moss Kardener, Rabbi Mates-Muchin

- The SVT has worked the past two years on creating a foundation for the temple's next strategic plan: what does the temple stand for today in our community environment? Who have we been in the past and where do we want to go in the future? The practice of Judaism in the Bay Area today is much different than it was in the past- many people do not necessarily join an organized temple to feel religious and spiritual. How do we welcome the community where we live and meet them where they are?
- Rabbi Hoffmann worked with the SVT at the beginning of the process; he took the old mission statement and broke it apart along with SVT members.
- A new version of the mission statement was given to all temple committees to work on last year and then the Shema statement was taken out to the larger community to promote inclusivity through Sinai Conversations; over 200 congregants participated in these conversations.

- The final draft version of the Shema statement is as follows: Explore Tradition. Find Purpose. Create Community. The V'ahavta statement is an elaboration of the ideas presented in the Shema statement.
- The board will send feedback back on both statements to the SVT; they will incorporate and we will vote on revised drafts in August. Sara will summarize board feedback and send out to all board members.

8:35 Nominating Committee – Matti Fromson

- Committee will meet next week to determine nominees.

8:37 Election of Jon Braslaw as President-Elect – Sara Klein

- Jon Braslaw was nominated by the Executive Committee to serve as the next president of Temple Sinai.

Neil Jacobson moved to approve this appointment, Andrew Shear seconded. All approved.

8:41 Farewells and Adjourn

- Thank you and goodbye to Maya Levi, who will be going off to college in the fall.

8:42 Meeting adjourned

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

NO BOARD MEETING IN JULY

August 28

September 18

October 16

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

November 20

BOARD RETREAT/DECEMBER MEETING SUNDAY DECEMBER 8