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Temple Sinai Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, August 28, 2019; 27 Av 5779

Board Members Present

Jon Braslaw, Liz Daoust, Richard Hart, Melissa Heller, Neil Jacobson, Sara Klein, Josh Kuluva, Laurie Leiber, Jim Manheimer, Susan Rosenthal, Frances Rotolo, Bart Schenone, Debra Schoenberg, Sydney Schimmel, Andrew Shear, Karen Tanner, Phil Witte, Erik Zwerling

Board Members Absent

Matti Fromson, Calvin Gibbs, Anne Schmitz, Joan Waranoff

Staff Present

Terrie Goren, Cantor Keys, Rabbi Mates-Muchin, Rabbi Regev

7:06 Call to Order

7:07 D'var Torah – Frances Rotolo

7:15 Icebreaker – Sara Klein (let's reconnect/reengage after summer absence)

7:38 Leading with Jewish Values 2019-20 – Rona Bar-Din and Molly Rosen

- The purpose of Leading with Jewish Values is to support and engage lay leaders; other temples facilitate a similar program.
- The last program at Temple Sinai occurred in 2014-2015; 22 people will participate this year.
- The purpose of the program is to create a context of temple life and also create community; each session has a different focus/topic from Jewish values to temple operations to personal journeys. Participants will create a capstone project that they will work on outside of class, and the program will culminate with a final Shabbat dinner in April.

7:47 Approval of June 2019 Board meeting Minutes

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

7:50 Consent Calendar

All approved new members.

7:52 Welcome to Executive Director Terrie Goren – Rabbi Mates-Muchin and Terrie Goren

7:55 Fiscal Sponsorship for Building Jewish Bridges – Terrie Goren

- Congregant Dawn Keppler oversees Building Jewish Bridges (a program for interfaith families) and approached our clergy with a request for Temple Sinai to be a fiscal sponsor for the program.
- Temple Sinai would hold the finances for the committee, and the process would be simple and straightforward with minimal work for our staff. We will need to draft an agreement for fiscal responsibility.

Susan Rosenthal moved to approve, Sydney Schimmel seconded. All approved.

8:05 Approval of Charles Schwab resolution re: equity transactions – Sara Klein

- A proposal was presented to shift new ED Terrie Goren as manager of the Charles Schwab accounts.

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

- 8:10 Finance and Membership Renewal Update – Terrie Goren and Sydney Schimmel
- Membership: budget is \$2.3M in membership dues so far this year.
 - Expenses: The line item budget for salary/compensation this year was not correct. The Finance Committee will comb through all salary and compensation increases for last year to figure out discrepancies and will have a formal proposal next month regarding rectifying the budget for this year.
- 8:30 Nominating Committee Update – Matti Fromson
- Melissa Heller and Erik Zwerling have agreed to serve a second term on the Board; Andrew Shear and Karen Tiedemann are nominated as the new at-large members. Ann Gordon will represent the Education Committee and Becky Chase will represent the Preschool Parent Committee.
- 8:34 Cemetery Update – Sara Klein
- The Mountain View Board has decided that the legal description of the sliver of land needs to be changed, as they want to add new lamps to the area.
- 8:35 Biennial Update – Rabbi Mates-Muchin and Sara Klein
- The URJ Biennial will be held December 11-14 in Chicago; all senior staff will attend (aside from Stephanie) in addition to a team from Social Action. Looking to create a board team to attend as well.
- 8:40 Adjournment
- 8:45 Executive Session

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

September 18

October 16

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

November 20

BOARD RETREAT/DECEMBER MEETING SUNDAY DECEMBER 8