

**BETH EL CONGREGATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022**

The following appeared at Beth El: Audrey Wolff, President; Eileen Bloom, Financial Vice President; Kim Mertens, Education Vice President; Herb Dreiseszun, Facilities Vice President; Barry Becker, Treasurer; Charleen Holt, Secretary; Greg Harris, Past President; Brad Ostrow

Staff present: Rabbi Stein Kokin; Alicia Moskowitz, Executive Director; Joanie Charnow, Preschool Director

Board members present virtually: Alana Berrett, Rich Cohen, Sara Zilversmit

Board members absent: Ben Cooper, Ritual Vice President; Heather Baker-Mushkatel, David Goldfarb, Ari Hoffman, Jose Tafla, Gail Ulan, Danny Wittenstein

Staff absent: Nanci Siegel Manson, Talmud Torah Director

6:38 p.m. Audrey calls the meeting to order.

Rabbi gives a D'Var Torah.

**PRESCHOOL:**

Joanie reports that Preschool has started. One teacher is on maternity leave. In November, the school will have a PJ Library. The PTO had their first meeting of the year. Each classroom will have a zero dollar balance. The tot Shabbat went very well.

6:48 p.m. Greg joins the meeting in person.

6:54 p.m. Joanie is excused and leaves the meeting.

6:54 p.m. Alana joins the meeting on Zoom.

**RITUAL:**

All board members are reminded by Audrey to make their High Holiday calls,

Audrey continues by saying the logistics for Rabbi/Cantor Taff are discussed.

Linda and Eli Barzilai are ready to loan Rabbi/Cantor Taff a car for his use during Rosh Hashanah.

Ushers are needed; please sign up to help on Signup Genius especially the second day of Rosh Hashanah when we expect a lot of visitors due to the appearance of Rabbi/Cantor Taff.

Rabbi Stein Kokin reports that Rabbi Traces Rosen will lead services for the Shaharit services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rabbi Stein Kokin mentions additional upcoming programs.

Charleen provides an update on the High Holiday honors.

Audrey advises that after the holidays we will start looking for an additional musical person.

Everyone is reminded by Audrey to please sign up to be a Shabbat greeter.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Alicia says the office is busy selling tickets.

The Book of Remembrance went to the printer's today and will be ready before Yizkor services.

The sound person came out and the system has been configured. We have received the cameras purchased with the grant money. Wireless microphones and ear pieces are ready for use.

#### **FINANCIAL:**

Barry reports there is \$448,968 cash and payables in the amount of \$6,210 as of today.

Alicia informs of a budget adjustment.

We received over \$200,000 for an overpayment; our fee to recover this amount is \$36,000. The money is as a result of the Employee Retention Credit Refund of overpayment of taxes for the fourth quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021. The second and third quarters of 2020 are still outstanding and may be approved as well which will provide Beth El with additional funds.

Alicia continues that the dues to USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism) is above our budget and she is going to ask them for a reduced payment.

#### **FACILITIES:**

Herb informs that the tower is working properly. The lawn people will be out tomorrow. The roofer is going to give us estimates to repair the leak in the kitchen.

#### **SOCIAL ACTION:**

Sara says the August back-to-school drive was successful. The backpacks were donated to the Valencia Newcomers School.

The Kol Nidre food drive will again be held by Beth El.

October 23 there will be genetic testing from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This is a city-wide program to screen for the BRCA gene in breast cancer most commonly found in Jewish persons.

Sara would like Beth El to provide some compost bins to help us go green.

The blue bus needs a thorough cleaning to be ready for sale.

The Social Action Committee is looking for more members.

#### **WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

Eileen informs that the Beth El Women's League is trying to do a reverse Tashlich this year.

#### **RABBI'S REPORT:**

Rabbi reports that on December 25, the last day of Hanukkah, will be Mitzvah day.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

The upcoming events are as stated on the agenda.

#### **EDUCATION:**

The Education Committee will meet on Sunday.

Alana says that they are working on keeping the 8th and 9th graders at Beth El.

Rabbi Stein Kokin states that the BJE (Bureau of Jewish Education) will be at Beth El in December and January.

#### **FINANIAL STATEMENT:**

Alicia states that the financial statement has a new look.

7:49 p.m. Herb leaves the meeting.

The approval of the August minutes will need to wait until October as we no longer have a quorum.

8:01 p.m. The meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charleen Holt  
Secretary  
Beth El Board of Directors