

**BETH EL CONGREGATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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; Alana Berrett, Ari Hoffman, Brad Ostrow, Danny Witenstein

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

Board members present virtually: Heather Baker-Mushtakel, Ari Hoffman, David Goldfarb, Jose Tafla, Gail Ulan

Board members absent: Ben Cooper, Ritual Vice President; Rich Cohen, Sara Zilversmit

Staff absent: Joanie Charnow, Preschool Director; Nanci Siegel Manson, Talmud Torah Director

6:36 p.m. Audrey calls the meeting to order.

Rabbi Stein Kokin gives a D'Var Torah.

**FINANCIAL:**

Barry reports currently there is \$153,580.62 in the Mid-First Bank and \$607,022.38 in Northern Trust. There are accounts payable in the amount of \$3,057.21.

Alicia states that approximately 81 percent of dues has been collected. She further says that an anonymous member donated \$10,000 to help other members pay dues.

#### **FACILITIES:**

Herb reports that the roofers are currently working on one 4x8 section and are almost done. Torah Day School has about 12,000 square feet that need roof repair.

Alicia and Joanie are working on a grant application to be used toward facilities on the playground interior and exterior repairs.

Alicia says Bill Tuttle and Danny Witenstein are working on the kitchens.

Eileen is working on recarpeting the social hall.

The carpet in the Talmud Torah needs to be replaced, maybe not carpeting this time.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Alicia states she is working on a security report that needs to be sent out.

She is also seeking reimbursement for \$16,000 for doors and security cameras.

Alicia is additionally working on scheduling first aid and CPR training classes for the staff and congregation.

The annual Hanukkah card from Beth El is being sent to all congregants.

The staff/volunteer Hanukkah party is next week.

#### **RITUAL:**

Alicia reporting for Ben says the Cantorial Search Committee has received several resumes.

There is a Cantorial Soloist who would like to come on Saturday mornings about twice a month.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

Alana reports that on January 7 there will be a Family Friendly Dorot Shabbat with refreshments at 9:15 a.m. and services at 9:30 a.m.. There will also be something for families to do during that time, then everyone will enjoy Kiddish together.

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

Rabbi invites everyone to her home for a Hanukkah dairy pot luck dinner at 5:00 p.m. on December 23. Please RSVP to the Rabbi by Monday. The Rabbi would like to go to other homes for Kabbalat Shabbat.

The 8th and 9th grade program is a success.

Rabbi announces she will be out of the office January 8 though 12 at a Rabbinical Conference.

There are many other programs available as set forth on the agenda.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

Kim says the Preschool is still in need of teachers.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Audrey presents the last revision of our Vision Statement dated October 19. There is a discussion of some of the wording.

The January Board Meeting will be held in-person only at Beth El on January 29 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Eileen reports that the Beth El Women's League will be going to the Mikveh on January 22, This event is free to members with a limit of 25 people.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Eileen moves and Barry seconds to approve the minutes as presented; the motion is passed unanimously.

Good and welfare.

7:40 p.m. Heather joins the meeting on Zoom.

Good and welfare continues.

7:46 p.m. Heather leaves the meeting.

Good and welfare continues

7:50 p.m. Rabbi Stein Kokin and Alicia are excused and the board goes into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Charleen Holt  
Secretary  
Beth El Board of Directors