

**BETH EL CONGREGATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023**

The following appear at Beth El: Audrey Wolff, President; Eileen Bloom, Financial Vice President; Kim Mertens, Education Vice President; Herb Dreis-
eszun, Facilities Vice President; Barry Becker, Treasurer; Charleen Holt,
Secretary; Alana Berrett, Brad Ostrow, Danny Witenstein

Staff present: Alicia Moskowitz, Executive Director

Board present via Zoom: Rich Cohen, Jose Tafla, Gail Ulan

Board members absent: Ben Cooper, Ritual Vice President; Greg Harris, Past
President; Heather Baker-Mushkatel, David Goldfarb, Ari Hoffman; Sara
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Staff absent: Rabbi Nitzan Stein Kokin; Nanci Siegel Manson, Talmud Torah
Director, Joanie Charnow, Preschool Director

6:43 p.m. Audrey calls the meeting to order.

Jose gives a D'Var Torah.

FINANCIAL:

Alicia reports that they are currently working on the budget for the next
fiscal year. Kim states that there will be a tuition increase in the Preschool
tuition at approximately seven percent.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Alicia says that the meat kitchen has been rented out through the end of the month.

SECURITY:

Alicia and Ann Polunsky are obtaining bids for the next security grant. They are hoping to get money to replace the key fob for Talmud Torah for staff and parents. Also being requested are the funds necessary to replace the two doors to enter the Pavilion on the west side of the building.

RITUAL:

Alicia reports for Ben that the Cantor search committee interviewed via Zoom Cantor Paul Dorman. He has a three month obligation starting April 1. The committee would like him to come to Beth El.

FACILITIES:

A letter was sent from a Beth El Congregant which requests that the restrooms be more accessible to the handicapped, such as the sink, soap and paper towels be reachable to someone in a wheelchair. The audio for the hearing impaired needs to be improved. Access ramps are not available to the second floor of the school building. There is no access ramp to the Ark in the sanctuary. Once these are corrected, the congregant feels we should advertise the same.

Herb reports that all Beth El accounts are now at Northern Trust except a small balance in the operating account which will be closed when Nina returns next week. Rabbi's discretionary account and the Women's League account remain at Mid First. The wall base in the kitchen, hallway and dishwasher room will be installed Friday. The kitchen is being rented for \$5,000 plus a \$1000 cleaning fee. Herb will have a meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Friedman from Torah Day School on March 23, at 11:00 a.m. at his office to discuss their lease. The preschool playground renovation started last week. The sand was tilled and weeds were removed. Joanie has a proposal from a parent of a preschooler who works for a company that does playground work and this matter will be reviewed. The next 30-day projects include roof repairs above the playroom off the sanctuary (estimated cost \$4500), roof patching

above the library and Shurgin Learning Center restrooms, Trimming trees in the lawn area north of sanctuary building and south side of Mallin building and the painting of six kitchen and mechanical room doors.

OUT REACH:

Community engagement and outreach programs are as stated on the agenda.

PRESCHOOL:

The annual fundraiser for the preschool this year is on Sunday, March 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BY-LAWS:

Audrey states that the By-Laws need to be amended to reflect that a quorum will be nine board members.

Charleen moves and Kim seconds to amend the By-Laws to indicate a quorum will be nine board members. The motion passes unanimously.

Audrey reports that Rich and Heather have decided not to seek re-election to the board. This leaves one new board member position available.

Audrey has asked the following to serve on the nominating committee this year: Gail, Alana, Audrey as the three board representatives and Wendy Rozov and Emily Bogush as the two non-board members.

SUNSHINE FUND:

Charleen reminds everyone that board members are requested to contribute annually to this fund and to date only 9 of the 18 have done so.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alicia would like to contact Jewish families in the west and northwest areas and show them what Beth El has to offer.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Eileen moves and Barry seconds to approve the January minutes as presented. The motion is passed with the exception of Kim and Gail who abstain.

Good and welfare.

7:50 p.m. The meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charleen Holt
Secretary
Beth El Board of Directors