

**BETH EL CONGREGATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023**

The following appear at Beth El: Audrey Wolff, President; Eileen Bloom, Financial Vice President; Herb Dreiseszun, Facilities Vice President; Barry Becker, Treasurer; Charleen Holt, Secretary; Rich Cohen, Brad Ostrow, Gail Ulan, Danny Witenstein

Staff present: Alicia Moskowitz, Executive Director, Joanie Charnow, Preschool Director

Board present via Zoom: Kim Mertens, Education Vice President; Alana Berrett, Ari Hoffman, Jose Tafla

Staff appearing via Zoom: Rabbi Stein Kokin

Board members absent: Greg Harris, Past President; Heather Baker-Mushkatel, David Goldfarb, Sara Zilversmit

Staff absent: Nanci Siegel Manson, Talmud Torah Director

6:40 p.m. Audrey calls the meeting to order.

Rabbi gives a D'Var Torah.

**PRESCHOOL:**

Joanie states that the early bird registration has 45 children now and they can accept up to 50. There are too many for the infant room and need to open a second infant room. Joanie will be applying for a grant when it is open on May 1 because of the added second infant room.

Joanie further adds that they are working on the playground taking it down to turf; she has a list of new items for the playground with the money received from Lakeshore via DES.

6:48 p.m. Alana joins the meeting on Zoom.

More teachers are still needed.

6:51 p.m. Joanie is excused and leaves the meeting.

**FINANCIAL:**

Barry reports that there is currently \$290,624.91 in the bank. In the Northern Trust Treasury Bills there is \$501,931.04. Currently payables are in the amount of \$5,054.90.

Alicia says that there is currently a draft budget which shows a negative of \$126,419.

6:54 Rich is present at Beth El.

Fund raising ideas include honoring our educators, the retirement of Nanci and the pending improvements.

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

Alicia states that the Employer Retention Credit payment has been approved for \$467,000 and we owe a fee of \$9,224.

Alicia thanks Ann Polunsky for working on the grant application.

Alicia explains the funds to be requested from the security grant.

Charleen moves and Ben seconds to approve the Homeland Security request as submitted by Alicia. The motion is passed unanimously.

### **FACILITIES:**

Eileen reports on replacing the flooring in the social hall, from removing the carpet squares, the linoleum in most places below, and the asbestos below that. Also, the floor is uneven and needs to be leveled before new flooring can be installed. Eileen provides very detailed information.

### **ANNUAL MEETING:**

Audrey reminds the Board that the annual meeting is Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at Beth El. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Audrey thanks Ben and Rich who will be leaving the Board in May and Heather is thanked in her absence.

### **SOCIAL ACTION:**

Eileen reports that their next event is on Sunday, May 21, from 10:00 a.m. to noon when they will be collecting items for the Kosher Pantry.

### **TALMUD TORAH:**

The Talmud Torah Shabbat is May 13.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**Barry** moves and **Ben** seconds to approve the minutes as presented. The motion is passed unanimously.

Good and welfare.

8:22 p.m. The meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charleen Holt  
Secretary  
Beth El Board of Directors