

**BETH EL CONGREGATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023**

The following appear at Beth El: Audrey Wolff, President; Eileen Bloom, Financial Vice President; Herb Dreiseszun, Facilities Vice President; Charleen Holt, Secretary; Barry Becker, Treasurer; Alana Berrett, Ari Hoffman, Brad Ostrow, Danny Witenstein

Staff present: Alicia Moskowitz, Executive Director

Board present via Zoom: Kim Mertens, Education Vice President; Jose Tafla, Bill Tuttle, Gail Ulan

Board members absent: David Goldfarb, Sara Zilversmit

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

6:35 p.m. Audrey calls the meeting to order.

Audrey gives a D'Var Torah.

**RITUAL:**

Cantor Niati will be here for the High Holidays. He is willing to do a Zoom meet and greet prior to the holidays. The search committee is continuing to look for someone on a continuing basis.

The new Lev Shalom prayer books should arrive in New York by the end of this month and we should receive them in the middle of July. Book plates will be available at \$36 each and the books cost Beth El \$29.

### **FINANCIAL:**

Alicia reports that there is currently \$190,495 in the Operating Account; \$503,684 in the security fund and \$15,502 in payables.

Alicia discusses the legacy program and the need for board members to go through the training.

Audrey updates the board on the USCJ (United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism) dues for the coming year. After we filed an appeal, the dues for the year starting July 1, 2023, the amount has been lowered. We were previously paying \$700 a month and now will be paying \$833 a month.

7:04 p.m. Ari is now present.

Barry moves and Brad seconds that we pay USCJ the monthly payment of \$833 a month starting July 1, 2023.

There are 11 yes votes, 2 abstain votes from Ari and Alana and zero no votes.

The motion is passed.

### **FACILITIES:**

Eileen provides an update on the flooring in the Social Hall. The project will begin on Monday, June 26 and everything from the concrete up will be removed and properly disposed. The asbestos will be removed by grinding, then there will be testing by the environmental people to make sure the asbestos is removed. Starting the week of July 10 the carpet will be installed. The carpet comes in rolls not squares. Air conditioning will not be on in the Social Hall during the abatement.

Herb states that a new phone system will be installed shortly in the main building and the Preschool. The cost for the preschool's phone is covered by a grant. The playground and preschool lot looks nice. The preschool will be providing camp again this summer.

Herb has a man coming this Friday to see about the preschool doors.

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

Alicia states they have started working on the sound system. We will have our own microphone.

#### **SOCIAL ACTION:**

Alicia reports for Sara: United for Ukraine is doing well.

The back to school supply drive is coming up.

This Sunday afternoon board games will be played in the Be-er from 1:30 to 3:30.

#### **EDUCATION:**

Hebrew school director update: Gail has started looking for candidates to replace Nanci.

Kim states camp is doing well. This year there are more children than last year. The second infant room is up and running. Registration for the coming school year is doing well; expected to have more children than last year.

Alicia says Shabbat services have been moved from Facebook to U-Tube.

Audrey advises that Steve Nathan will be the Ritual Chairperson.

Audrey retells the Board she still needs an Executive Vice President.

Eileen moves and it is seconded to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting and the last Board meeting; The motion is passed.

7:53 p.m. Herb leaves the meeting.

Good and welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

Charleen Holt  
Secretary  
Beth El Board of Directors