

Temple Sinai
Pittsburgh, PA
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
(Via Video Conferencing)
August 20, 2020

In attendance: Marc Adelsheimer, Marcia Baumfeld, Jeremy Burton, Morgan Faeder, Elizabeth Collura, Nancy Gale, Shirley Goldstein, Mike Gordon, Suzan Hauptman, Rebecca Jacobson, Stephen Jurman, Mara Kaplan, Jerry Katz, Rachel Kudrick, Josh Lederer, Philip Lehman, Brianna McDonough, Paul Pitts, Carol Rosenthal, Lynn Rubenson, Samantha Skobel, Saul Straussman, Bill Taxay, Alison Yazer, Mike Collura, Joe Weinkle, Todd Miller, Harton Wolf, Susan Blackman, Rabbi Daryl Crystal, Rabbi Keren Gorban, Drew Barkley

President Saul Straussman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rabbi Crystal led the board in Sh'ma/V'hafta and Kaddish.

A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

President's Report: (Saul Straussman)

Our Endowment Fund investments have been handled by Pittsburgh Wealth Management. Stu Miller, who has been Temple Sinai's broker, has left the firm for Miller McCurry/National Financial Services LLC. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to move our account so that it will continue to be administered by Stu Miller. A motion was made and seconded to adopt a resolution that Drew Barkley, Jerry Katz and Saul Straussman are authorized to conduct business on behalf of Temple Sinai. After questions and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Update: (Jerry Katz & Mara Kaplan)

Mara provided an update to the year-end report, formerly presented in July. We ended the year with \$23,000 more in pledge collections than projected (or we collected better) resulting in a small surplus of \$20,000. Also, our expenses were lower than projected, particularly in security costs and the Torah project exceeded goal by a small amount. The small year-end surplus would remain in the general fund.

Transition Update: (Saul Straussman)

Saul reported that the senior rabbi search committee has met several times and responded positively to the congregational survey report. The executive summary will be posted on the web site. As it stands, there is a ban on travel for rabbinical candidates. We will remain flexible with our plans during the pandemic.

Executive Director's Report: (Drew Barkley)**Memorial Park:**

- Green Burial is open officially with three plots sold and several pending.

Building:

- Air conditioning compressors need to be replaced and after receiving several bids that are about the same as our regular contractor. Drew hired the contractor.

Clergy Reports:

- Cantor Berman, Rabbi Crystal and Rabbi Gorban are mostly focusing on High Holy services. After Good and Welfare, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. An Executive Session followed.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Rubenson, Secretary

September 15, 2020