

Temple Sinai
Minutes for Special Board Meeting
April 3, 2020

In attendance via Zoom Conference Call:

Saul Straussman, Alison Yazer, Elizabeth Collura, Jerry Katz, Mara Kaplan, Philip L. Lehman, Morgan Faeder, Suzie Hauptman, William Taxay, Marcia Baumfeld, Brianna McDonough, Paul Pitts, Samantha Skobel, Ellen Katzen, Todd Miller, Frank Schwarz, Ed Korenman, Joe Weinkle.
Staff: Drew Barkley

Saul called the meeting into order at 4:00pm

Upon motion duly made by Philip Lehman and seconded by Allison Yazer, the following resolution was passed unanimously: Recognizing the emergency and exigent conditions in Pittsburgh and elsewhere due to COVID-19, and recognizing that a quorum of Trustees is present, the normal requirement for three-day notice for the present Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be waived, so that all necessary and prudent actions may be taken quickly to preserve the health and livelihood of our employees.

Jerry Katz presented the opportunity available to Temple Sinai through the CARES Act. Temple Sinai will work with PNC bank to obtain a CARES Act loan to ensure that we can keep all of our employees on payroll through June 30, 2020. Our revenues for the last quarter of the year are now uncertain and with the building being closed, without the loan, we would need to discuss laying off custodians and receptionists.

After Jerry presented the information there was discussion. If we need to repay loan at 1% that is cheaper than our line of credit. Board members pointed out that it is important for us ethically to keep our employees on payroll and that this is an opportunity we should not pass up.

Upon motion duly made by Philip Lehman and seconded by Todd Miller, the following resolution was passed unanimously: The Officers and Executive Director are hereby authorized to and shall pursue and apply for funding under the Paycheck Protection Program of the CARES Act, and any other applicable and appropriate programs, to assist in keeping congregational staff employed during the economic downturn caused by COVID-19.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Mara Kaplan, acting secretary