

Green Road Synagogue Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, July 15, 2018  
2437 South Green Road  
Beachwood, OH 44122

### **Congregational Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members in attendance:** Joshua Arbesman, Irv Berliner, Liz Dreben, Marc Ehrenreich, Cheryl Fox, Adena Klineman, Joel Ratner, Shalom Schwartzben

**Professionals in Attendance:** Rabbi Binyamin Blau, Sarah Ehrenreich (Shul Administrator)

**Others in Attendance:** Sidney Borison, Leonard Ehrenreich, Rochelle Ehrenreich, Rabbi Nate Fein, Naomi Fein, Shawn Fink, Elisha Fredman, Ari Jaffe, Janet Jaffe, Marlyn Block Jaffe, Peter Jaffe, Judith Kirchick, Jonathan Klineman, Jane Lefko, Jordan Lefko, David Pearl, Sheila Pearl-Pickholtz, Rita Pollack, Steven Soclof, unreadable signature, unreadable signature

- I. Adena Klineman called the congregational meeting to order at 10:09am
- II. **DVAR TORAH: Rabbi Blau**
- III. **SHUL HIGHLIGHTS: Rabbi Blau**  
Rabbi Blau shared highlights of the shul's activities including a discussion of the shul's growth and many advances.
- IV. **STATE OF THE SHUL REPORT: Adena Klineman**  
Adena reported on the improved board functionality, strengthened committee system, stronger financial oversight as well as accountability and fiscal restraint, better and increased fundraising, and a new security system.
- V. **NEW BUILDING UPDATE: Steven Soclof**  
Steven informed the membership that the shul is hoping to break ground in the fall and then will complete the foundation work before the winter, and continue construction as weather permits after that. Steven stated that we are working with Arbor Construction and that we are working to put together financing in a way that saves the shul significant money, including the possibility of a private loan. Steven is working with all parties to bring down the cost of the construction to \$12.5 million. Currently over \$12 million is available in commitments.
- VI. **FINANCIAL REPORT/BUDGET: Joel Ratner**  
Joel presented the budget. There were a number of questions including regarding the financing of the building as well as the question of whether approval of the additional cost of the building would need membership approval. It was stated that legal counsel had determined that membership approval of the additional cost of the building is not necessary. Ari Jaffe pointed out that membership approval was initially sought to give approval for a \$1 million loan but as the loan amount has not been changed it did not seem

that additional legal approval by the membership would be required. Adena said that issue would be further discussed including in a town hall meeting as well as by the board. Joel answered additional questions about the budget. A number of issues relates to the new building were discussed.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned before noon.