

Congregation Brith Shalom Board Meeting Notes

Meeting Topic and Date

Board Meeting 27-Oct-2022

Attendees

Bill Stern (Treasurer)
Dani Roisman (Secretary)
Denise Mosk (Financial VP)
Diego Donzis (VP)
Jonah Paransky (President)
Rabbi Ranon Teller (Staff)
Arturo Karakowsky
Caren Harris
Cathy Podell
Eduardo Fertman
Eve Lapin
Lidsky Wayne
Lisa Lowenstein
Lyn Rosenberg-Johnson
Marcelo Kreindel
Micah Hirschfield
Michael Moore
Michael Zlotnick
Sam Mishael

Major Topics Covered

1. Staff reports (by RJT)
 - a. HH reviews with staff; already identified changes for next year
 - b. Homeland Security grant
 - c. Ruach frequency will be increased to twice a month
 - d. RJT and Nava participated in a Sukkot celebration with GMS
 - e. Plans to convert chappel more into a sanctuary; also adding camera
2. Financial report
 - a. Good progress with YK appeal: \$290K as of now against the anticipated \$300K
 - b. Three reports (attachment distributed: profit & loss, budget vs actual, and Sep Balance sheet).
3. HH recap (RJT)
 - a. Good participation in person and online (several hundreds)
 - b. Great feedback in terms of content
 - c. Very successful service at Discovery Center (featured in JHV and Houston Chron)

- d. We discussed some anecdotal feedback (e.g. presence or not of of choir), but staff is collecting more data to assess issues
- 4. Siddur Lev Shalem
 - a. Most conservative congregations in the US, already upgraded from Sim Shalom to the more modern Lev Shalem. We are planning the switch.
 - b. The move will also be used as a development opportunity
- 5. Homeland Security Grant
 - a. The application already detailed how the \$150K that were awarded will be spent
- 6. Committee assignments

Motions

1. Minutes from the previous meeting approved.

Action Items / Assignments

1. To simplify preparation for meetings, all needed documents will be sent in a single packet instead of multiple emails with attachment. Board members are expected to read it before the meeting
2. Board members are encouraged to contribute to the YK appeal to take CBS across the \$300K line
3. Send reminders to congregants on donations for potential tax deductions
4. Consider the issue of when a child becomes and adult for membership purposes
5. Staff will collect feedback on HH (to complement anecdotal feedback that board members shared)

Carry-Forward Agenda Ideas