

C O N G R E G A T I O N

Brith Shalom
Board of Trustees- Meeting Minutes

Date	20 February 2020	Time	7:00
Staff	Cantor Mark Levine	Guests	
In Attendance	Mitch Kreindler, Karen Bernstein, Steven Goldberger, David Lewis, Michael Drob, ElJay Waldman, Ron Klein, Lori Actor, Michael Zlotnick, Erin Pomerantz, Mark Jason Absent: Rhoda Goldberg, Ellen Fiesinger, Debi Mishael, Lori Slater, Amir Halevy, Steve Rubin, Denise Mosk, Elyse Evans, Debbie Karakowsky, Jonah Paransky		
Next Meeting Date	20 February 2020		

ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES		
No.	ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1	Jewish Archive draft agreement	Draft “Deed of Gifts” provided to the Board by Dr. Josh Furman.
2	Resolutions before the Board	
2a	Resolution for Archives	Motion to authorize donation of the Brith Shalom archives to Rice University.
2b	Resolution for Security Committee	Motion to create an ad-hoc Security Committee

TZEDAKAH COLLECTED AT LAST MONTH’S MEETING	\$44
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MEETING ACTION ITEMS			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Date
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MOTIONS OR DECISIONS MADE	1ST / 2ND RESULTS
Approval of Minutes	Zlotnick/Waldman/unanimous yes
Motion for Jewish Archives	Unanimous approval
Motion for creation of ad-hoc Security Committee	10 Yes, 1 abstention

Do we have a quorum? A majority of the currently active Board members – by 1.

Reports and Updates:

Cantor Mark Levine: {discussion unrecorded due to secretary looking up rules for a quorum}

Financial Report:

Actively working to update materials to be provided to the Board

Financial Committee is in the process of working through next year's budget

Question: MK: How are we doing WRT the budget? That is, will we need to dip into the Line of Credit?

Answer: we are slightly in the red, but generally looking good.

Question: M Zlotnick: Realistically, what will we collect, and what pledges will we have to write off?

Answer: we don't know. We need to work through the budget first.

Jonah Paransky: How much of the loan balance is principal, vs. interest? Ans: we do not have that information right to hand; we will get that answer.

Mike Drob: do we have a sense of how long our current operating balance will carry us? We have not broken out the expected outlays for the last 6 months of the fiscal year, so we don't have that answer right to hand.

Mitch: Do we expect to get the religious school money? No; we don't push the religious school parents too hard.

Old Business:

Leadership Development Committee:

Is ongoing. It has met, and split into 3 teams:

1. What are the leadership positions in the synagogue?
2. What do we want to ask people, and how do we want to ask them?
 - a. Interview staff and clergy
 - b. Interview lay leaders – auxiliaries, etc.
 - c. Survey will be distributed to “involved members” and benefactors
 - d. Mass focus group/other members

Brith Shalom archives:

Requests from the Board regarding the Archives:

If the Archive ceases to exist, the materials should be returned to Congregation Brith Shalom.

Stipulate a number of years that private or sensitive materials should be held in confidence.

Security Committee:

Board discussion and vote on this motion:

One: there is no “Building and Grounds Committee”; it is the “Facilities Planning Committee”.

Two, request to require a FPC member on the security committee

We are considering changing security companies to achieve better security.

Please note: the records of who moved and seconded the motions for the Archives and the Security Committee are unavailable. Those records are in a location that is currently inaccessible due to the COVID-19 virus.

Other new business:

Good and Welfare:

Lori Actor: everyone should have received an email from Debi Mishael regarding mishloaht manos Purim baskets. Will also need assistance with delivery of the bags.

Suggestion: Board members deliver to the new members

MEETING MINUTES- Board of Directors
Alan Goldsmith passed away today

Mike Zlotnick – will be in New York where Andrew will be singing in Lincoln Center