

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



Brith Shalom

Board of Trustees- Meeting Minutes

Date	19 March 2020	Time	7:00
Staff	Rabbi Ranon Teller, Cantor Mark Levine, Melissa Magenheim	Guests	
In Attendance	Rhoda Goldberg, Mitch Kreindler, Steven Goldberger, David Lewis, Denise Mosk, Michael Drob, ElJay Waldman, Ron Klein, Lori Actor, Michael Zlotnick, Mark Jason, Ellen Fiesinger, Debi Mishael, Lori Slater, Amir Halevy, Elyse Evans, Jonah Paransky, Karen Bernstein Absent: Erin Pomerantz, Steve Rubin, Debbie Karakowsky		
Next Meeting Date	20 May 2020		

TZEDAKAH COLLECTED AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING	\$0 (online)
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MOTIONS OR DECISIONS MADE	1 ST / 2 ND RESULTS
Approval of Minutes	Eljay/ Lori Actor / Unanimous

D'var Torah: Cantor Mark Levine

Approval of Minutes: David Lewis (see above)

Reports and Updates:

Cantor Mark Levine: Staff: most are working at home; Cantor Levine and Melissa are working in the office.

Religious school: official communication is that the school is closed until after Passover. Rabbi will be doing tefillah at the regular times, but via distance learning.

Adult Ed: Almost everything is continuing, only virtually. Teachers are being asked to provide materials to the students.

B'nei Mitzvot: online learning continues.

Shabbat service this week: only 2 on the Bimah, Rabbi Teller and Cantor Levine.

Melissa Magenheim: Will email out the financial report. ~\$66k in the bank right now. Doing OK, though there is some concern for the future.

M. Zlotnick: Should we send out a letter asking for donations? Answer: those conversations have been ongoing, but we don't want to ask for money at this point. We want to wait a week or so and see where things go.

Old Business:

Leadership Development Committee: Mitch Kreindler

Continues to operate. Planning a (virtual) meeting next week. Most in-person interviews have already been done. "Mass focus group" was planned; this is on hold pending further arrangements. Considering a survey only, but unsure of what the response would be. Mitch's feeling is to put the whole thing on hold. Lori Slater suggests that it might be a distraction that people would welcome. Eljay – Where did the timeline come from? He thinks the effort should be put on hold.

Brith Shalom archives: Rhoda Goldberg: Had a meeting for next week to sign the Deed of Gift. Both considerations of the Board were agreeable to Josh Furman. However, since Rice is closed, the whole thing is on hold until the Fall semester.

New business:

Response to the health crisis: Rhoda Goldberg:

Rhoda put together a list with Lori Actor of those folks that needed to be contacted, and the response to those contacts was overwhelmingly positive. Rhoda asked Board members to contact her to get names to call and check on them.

Annual Budget FY 2020-2021: Will be presented at the next Board meeting. Annual meeting scheduled for May 14th.

Amir: many of the congregants will be under significant financial pressure, and the budget needs to take that into account.

Good and Welfare:

Denise Mosk: over 30 volunteers for Purim bags, and lots of people that assembled, drove, and helped out. Probably will clear ~\$5500. Want to consider using the Shul email system to collect.

Denise Mosk: Milton IV just received his acceptance to A&M.

Mark Levine: Praise of the Rabbi for his efforts to keep the Community together, and a public apology regarding the popularity of the broadcast/livestreamed service.

Ahron Lewis Bar Mitzvah invitations have gone out.

Melissa Magenheim: Her daughter, Gabi, just got her driving license.