

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



Brith Shalom

Executive Committee - Meeting Minutes

Date	Thursday, January 2, 2020	Time	7:00 pm – 8:04
Staff	Rabbi Teller, Melissa Magenheim	Guests	
In Attendance	Rhoda Goldberg, Mitch Kreindler, Karen Bernstein, Steven Goldberger, David Lewis (Absent: Cantor Levine, Denise Mosk)		
Next Meeting Date	6 February 2020		

ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES

No	ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1	Financial Report 1/2/20	
2	Profit & Loss statement	
3	Membership report	

TZEDAKAH COLLECTED AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING

\$40.00

MEETING ACTION ITEMS

No.	Action Item	Owner	Date
1	We will need to put together a Board motion for the Rice University archives (for February meeting)	N/A	
2	We will need to put together a Board motion for the ad hoc security committee (for February meeting)	N/A	
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MOTIONS OR DECISIONS MADE

1ST / 2ND
RESULTS

Approval of minutes	Bernstein/Goldberger/ Unanimous approval

D'var Torah: "They fall on their necks" – the neck as a metaphor for the connection between the head and the body – Rabbi to Congregation; principal to faculty. Using different metaphorical connections.

Financial report (Steven Goldberger):

Finances are strong. Gala budget should try to use the net number for budget; but notwithstanding pledge collections are doing well.

MK: how are we doing on the budget? It appears that we are behind last year. Response: we are on budget, it is primarily accounting differences.

Staff report (Melissa Magenheim):

Melissa Magenheim: Computers and email were down because we were hacked. The servers appear to be back up and running, although email is still offline. A report will be forthcoming on what went wrong (from Zane). At that point, we will make some determination of how to avoid the problem.

MK: Consider setting up a separate gmail account that is an emergency email in case the rest of the emails go down.

KB: Marc Malacoff should be at the shul when Zane explains what went wrong and what we need to prevent it in the future.

Membership report: MK: the new member numbers, especially at sustaining and above, are low.

New Business:

Brith Shalom Archives: Rhoda Goldberg: Josh Furman from Rice University will be coming to the Board meeting in January to discuss donating the Brith Shalom archives to the Houston Jewish Community.

MK: plan an event (benefactor event) around the donation/transfer.

RT: Some discussion should be had around what materials to move into the archive (e.g., controversial meeting minutes).

MK: consider funding an intern to work with Josh on digitizing the items.

Playground fence: We did not get the homeland security grant; we owe \$21,000 for the fence (GMS paid for the fence, we said we would pay them back – question of was it 50/50, or 100%). Artura Karkowski from GMS is going to have a discussion with Rhoda/Melissa about this.

Security Committee: Currently under the FPC. Ron Klein agrees that security should be a separate ad hoc committee. Rhoda will bring up at the Board meeting in January.

Morning Minyan: The gate is often locked, and we need a better system to notify participants that someone is at the gate. Have a number of the day? Do we want to use a “disposable” phone? Have a light that flashes when someone presses a doorbell? Distribute key fobs that have a limited time schedule? Have a camera that allows people to see who is at the door?

Gala:

We have raised \$78,104 (see Financial report). We are far short of the goal for the raffle tickets. As many Board members should be at the Shabbat service as possible.

Good and Welfare:

Chili cookoff preparation was very successful. Not too many people, but lots of chili was sold.

Melissa sold her Texans playoff tickets. Everyone was angry.

Tellers participated in a Texas Hold 'Em poker invitational in Colorado.

Mitch Kriendler: College bowl pool – as of tonight, Mitch and his wife WON the entire pool – bragging rights only.