

Temple Isaiah
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2017

Voting Members Present: Shoshana Barer, Soo Borson, Ira Helf, Adam Gilbert, Peter Gordon, Gary Miller, Carol Fragen, Chris Spellman and Atma Wiseman

Non Voting Members Present: Rabbi David Lazar, Douglas Morton Executive Director

Not Present: Richard Jeffery

Minutes

Ira Helf called the meeting to order.

- A. Soo Borson moved to approve the February 2017 minutes, Peter Gordon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Rabbi stated that Purim was a great success. Part of the success may have been due to the Sunday potluck that the Women's Auxiliary threw immediately following services.
- C. In April we will be looking at comments we've been collecting regarding having Friday Services at 6:30 PM.
- D. We are looking for content and speaker regarding speakers for upcoming lecture series. We will commence planning in May. Temple Isaiah should also know how much, if any, the Federation will be co-sponsoring. Rabbi mentioned that he is happy with the attendance for Twice Blessed lectures but a little disappointed in the attendance for the Jews of the 21st Century lecture series on Sunday afternoons.
- E. Sam Radwine will be moving to Arkansas with his husband. We will miss Sam who has been very helpful to our Temple.
- F. Shoshana Barer asked Rabbi to allow others to help light the candles at Shabbat. Rabbi commented that he would think about it.
- G. It was mentioned that perhaps Peter Gordon could help put a trip together for the congregation to visit the Skirball Museum, Elie Wiesel Center or something comparable.
- H. Both the Temple Isaiah Jewish Film Festival and the Purim Potluck were extremely successful. We will have a more accurate picture of the financials at the April meeting.
- I. It was noted that Joe was hired to assist Christopher and Clarence for facilities. So far he is doing a great job.

Financial Report

- A. The balance in the Merrill Lynch fund is down to \$173,000.
- B. Current projections call for running a \$95,000 to \$125,000 deficit for this fiscal year. This is approximately the same if not slightly better than the deficit we ran last fiscal year.
- C. Atma commented that member dues don't really help our situation. The treasurer repeated her comment from an earlier meeting that fundraising goes up but it appears to be at a cost to the general operating donations, thus creating equilibrium in the end.

Other Business:

- A. It appears that the Board is prepared for the special meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.
- B. Bob Fey stated that he and Cheryl will be sponsoring a medical lecture series on strokes and potential medicine to reverse strokes.. On April 5 the lecture will be at the University of California Riverside Palm Desert Campus and the specific topic will be new medications for AIDS. The lecture will be free.
- C. Bob Fey asked if we had a written appraisal on our facilities. A comment was made that there was an appraisal done a couple years ago when the Temple discussed merging with Sinai. Bob commented that we're dealing with an asset between 3 and 11 million dollars and an appraisal would cost \$3000 to \$5000. Ira commented that his point would be taken under advisement.
- D. Shoshana Barer motioned to adjourn the meeting, Gary Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.