

Temple Sinai Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Open Session

01/14/2020

Attendees	Present	Attendee	Present		Present
Bob Steine	X	David Eisner	X	Kathy Zeiger	X
Vicki Goldman	X	Sandy Korn		Barb Mendel	
Frank Urman		Jeff Lavenhar	X	Jessica Strouse	X
Fred Leviton	X	Larry Polman		Neil Culbertson	
Stephen Weinstein	X				
Larry Jacobson	X				
Bruce Tully	X				
Rabbi R. Rheins	X	Greg Kellner	X	Melissa Maas	
Rabbi J. Cohen	X	Ron Leff		Melissa Oxenhandler	
Lisa Thorner	X	Lauren Bubis		Dan Yolles	
Shelia Purdin	X	Ron Leff	X	Yoni Buchman	

Time: 6:00pm -7:20pm

- I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
- II. D'var Torah
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion/Second: J.Strouse/L. Jacobson
 - Status: Passed
 - Discussion: N/A
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Board Retreat – Greg asked for feedback from attendees
 - i. General feedback that it was good event and connections were made across the organization
 - ii. Waiting until May for the next event, is too long of a wait, working on scheduling options
 - iii. For the next meeting we need to have a defined agenda
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Staff reports – Winter teen chavurah is this weekend (starting 1/17)
 - i. Lisa Thorner – passed out raffle tickets to the board
 - ii. Preschool – registration is opening up on 1/15/20, there is also a lock-down drill scheduled as well. There is a staffing challenge across the industry, Temple Preschool is feeling this on a daily basis.
 - iii. Religious school – there are a few new students coming in this year, staffing is stable and doing well.
 - iv. Rabbi Callman and Rabbi Rheins reviewed several upcoming events
 - v. Greg requested that everyone fill out the retreat survey
 - b. Financial Report – the financials are not available until the 3rd Tuesday of the month, once available, Vicki will send out the information when available. The audit has started.

- c. Nominating and Leadership –
 - i. Fred is establishing this as a single committee: Nominating and Leadership
 - 1. Motion/Second: To approve the slate of committee members (L. Jacobson/V. Goldman. The committee is: Fred Leviton (Chair), Jeff Lavenhar, Shana Cohen, Gale Kahn, Seren Waldman
 - 2. Status: Passed
 - 3. Discussion:

VI. New Business

- a. Cemetery Plots (Jay A. Siegel & John Berman)
 - i. We are currently running out of cemetery plots for Temple Sinai, currently there are only 45 remaining plots
 - ii. We need to create a long-term plan
 - iii. John Berman discussed their on-going and future plan. They believe that they'll have space for a long-term planning. They are also suggesting that they may be open to having Temple Sinai representation on their board. Mt. Nebo is a separate entity from BMH.
 - 1. Moving forward they going to move forward with a xeriscape design instead of the grass design. They are also looking at moving towards the footstone design vs. the larger gravestone option
 - 2. There are other potential options for savings
 - 3. The cemetery authority does not contest any Rabbinic opinions and will accommodate all families as much as possible. There are some lines that they will not cross, but they are open to future options.
 - 4. Currently there are about 600 plots that are available for sale, this is an open section and will start infrastructure over the next several years.
 - 5. Cost is open to discussion
- b. World Zionist Congress
- c. Future board meeting calendars are open as calendars are not set.
 - i. Next meeting be moved to 2/18/2020

VII. Executive Session