

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
Meeting May 10, 2021
(Via Zoom)

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Attendees: Tanya Solomon, Howard Sigal, Ray Rokni, Randy Samborn, Ellen Grossman, Seth Schrank, Alan Zelkowitz, Bob Spector, Dan Sher, Teri Robins, Jim Donenberg, Marjorie Maxwell, Cheryl Braude, Robyn Rosengard, Steve Elisco, Debbie Solomon

Judy Balter, Howard Freidin, Suzy Hakimian, Susan Lampert, Diana Lewis, Karyn Liss, Bret Maxwell, Wesley Nissen, Jill Olefsky, Jill Roter, Neil Rosengard, Fern Roseman, Brad Shaps, Beth Sher, Bill Shulman, Laura Shulman, Jay Silver, Sara Weinstein, Steve Zaacks, Jackie Zelkowitz

Michael Balter, Barbara Gelfeld, Joel Greenman, Larry Grossman, David Hakimian, Jack Knopoff, Brian Miller, Norman Padnos, Tami Rokni, Glen Roter, Lily Zoberman

Excused: Ari Footlik

Staff: Rabbi Melman, Rabbi Ferratier, Cantor Stoehr, Susan Karlinsky

Absent: Rick Dissen, Myra Holman, Rachel Laven, Steve Warshawsky, Harry Zoberman, Fred Katzenstein, Levine, Leonard Mason, Howard Michaels, Barbara Petasnick, Henry Rabinowitz, Marc Schwartz, Jerry Stanton, Joel Weinstein, Joe Wolke, Michael Zaransky,

- House Committee – Susan Karlinsky
 - Had an issue with the fire pump (fire hydrant in the building). It started running without reason. We had an emergency call to the plumbing contractor. Manufacturer's rep came out to look at the pump. Determination was made that the transducer needs to be replaced. In addition, they recommended replacing the mother board to be sure that the new transducer and motherboard communicate properly. The building is still protected with a back-up jockey pump.
 - The plumber has ordered the replacement parts end of this week/next week.
 - Cost \$4,500. Authorized to be done as part of life-safety. Vendor call was \$700.
- Live Streaming System Project – Seth Schrank
 - Move that we install the new audio/video equipment quote by Sound Planning for not to exceed \$105,000).
 - We have been given a \$20,000 gift from Sisterhood, \$20,000 gift from Men's Club and remainder from building fund
 - Second: Neil Rosengard

- Motion Passed unanimously.
- Susan Karlinsky shared we have received an anonymous donation of \$20,000 to support this project.
 - Been working on the project for proposals for upgrade for about 6 months to meet several needs.
 - Looking to move to 3 camera system in the Main Sanctuary that will allow users to see the different views without having to select.
 - Needed to upgrade the audio
 - Want to upgrade the camera in the Beit Midrash which is out of date and which is used at least twice daily.
 - Want to be able to do two simultaneous streams, so need to upgrade audio system.
 - Received 3 replies from 5 RFPs sent out. Selected Sound Planning, which is a vendor that we have used previously. They presented the best proposal from a quantitative and qualitative perspective. It addresses all needs above as well as a remote camera for use for outdoor or other services, upgrade microphones, better tie in the audio system.
 - Will add remote camera for events held in other rooms/outside.
 - Will add upgrade to system to allow for manual events, not just the automated programming.
 - Will include four wireless microphones which will comply with FCC updates and will allow to stream to Zoom.
- Discussion
 - Question regarding length of service of the new system. Not all components are not obsolete, but some are. This proposal is an upgrade and all equipment is state of the art.
 - Work will be done within two months from contracting signing – middle of July. There is a big assumption that everything is in stock.
 - There are no additional operating costs for this system vs our current system through StreamSpot
 - The system has the capability to record the same way we currently can with StreamSpot. This new system will allow for some local recording as well. We will not be in-house recording Shabbat and Holiday services.

- The 3 cameras will be controlled electronically using technology that identifies the active speaker. If the loudest speaker is something other than the Cantor or Rabbi, it will go to the wide shot. It will be fine-tuned so that a cough does not re-direct the camera.
- We have been told there will be minimal disruptions to the current system as the other system is being installed.
- Question if this is a “need to have” or “want to have” given the uncertainty. Response is that given the uncertainty, we believe it is a “need to have,” because of we are unsure how many will be able to attend in person under the rules and who will feel comfortable coming. Congregant feedback was overwhelming to the programing from last High Holiday and this will really enhance what was shared.
- It will offset some of last year’s High Holiday expenses, although most of the expenses were related to editing and those will still be needed for 2021.

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- Moved to adjourn at 9:40 pm.

Seconded by

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Robins