

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting 2/21/2022

Zoom Attendance: Judy Balter, Rick Dissen, Jim Donenberg, Steve Elisco, Hillary Elkins, Annie Goldman, Diana Lewis, Marjorie Maxwell, Wes Nissen, Amy Offenbach, Dan Sher, Laura Shulman, Howard Sigal, Charlotte Stern

Executive Board: Cheryl Braude, Howard Freidin, Suzy Hakimian, Sue Lampert, Steve Lessman, Raymond Rokni, Robyn Rosengard, Randy Samborn, Seth Schrank, Bill Shulman, Howard Sigal (via zoom), Tanya Solomon (via Zoom) Bob Spector, Andy Wagner, Jackie Zelkowitz

Attendance: Harold Dembo, Ari Footlik, Ellen Grossman, Andy Lebovitz, Rosalyn Mohktarian, Neil Rosengard, Jill Roter, Edna Schrank, Alan Shapiro, Brad Shaps, Jay Silver, Sara Weinstein, Adam Weinstock, Alyssa Weisbach, Alan Zelkowitz

Past Presidents: Larry Grossman, Tami Rokni, Glen Roter, Debbie Solomon,

Past presidents via Zoom- Michael Balter, Barbara Gelfeld, David Hakimian, Fred Katzenstein, Jack Knopoff, Brian Miller, Henry Rabinowitz, Michael Zaransky, Lily Zoberman

Clergy and Staff: Rabbi Melman, Cantor Stoehr, Michael Garlin, Susan Karlinsky

Excused- Howard Michaels, Bret Maxwell, Linda Foster

Absent: Karyn Liss, Leslie Rogoff, Alyssa Weisbach,

Past Presidents Absent: Joel Greenman, Donald Levine, Leonard Mason, Barbara Petasnick, Marc Schwartz, Jerry Stanton, Joel Weinstein, Joe Wolke

- D'var Torah presented by Cantor Stoehr
 - What is our responsibility both individually and as a Board as to how we see our values and how that drives our work? Cantor read through our mission statement and then asked each of us to name how we are fulfilling those responsibilities. He closed with that we should not only be proud that our work does reflect the values, and that we can continue to aspire to more.

- Approval of January Minutes and Committee Reports- changes for last month are that Lisa Orlov's name was misspelled and that CBS Connections will not have outside speakers every month. With those changes, they were approved by proclamation.
- Minutes Approved

- President's Report – Bob Spector
 - It has been wonderful to see the building so full and busy on Shabbat and other events, and we are continuing to be busy moving forward. More to come in executive session later tonight.
- Executive Director Report-Michael Garlin
 - Michael reported need to hire three assistant positions- one for school, she will begin March 7. One to replace Eli and one in the office, those two should be hired and ready shortly. Once all three are in place we will redo the staff document with photos and who does what. Randi Simon also full-time, in addition to Bar/Bat Mitzvah coordinating and Torah reading coordinating, she will run the Shabbat Kiddushim.
 - We will hopefully start Kiddush for Pesach for the congregation. We are currently offering a private Kiddush option for Bar/Bat Mitzvah families if they so choose.
 - We will present the first draft of Budget at March meeting.
 - Please let us know if you would be willing to check vax cards on Shabbat mornings.
- Nominating Committee-
 - Committee is Tanya Solomon, Dr. Bob Spector, Dr. Andy Wagner, Jackie Zelkowitz, Suzy Hakimian, Neil Rosengard, Tami Rokni, Dr. Rachel Laven, Randy Samborn, Seth Schrank, and Diana Lewis. We are charged to not only slate the Exec Committee and BOT, but also to present any by-law changes for a vote. Although by-laws tend to be presented in this way, there is a process for anyone to make them at any time. Slate will be presented next month.
- Covid task Force-
 - This is always a moving target which changes almost daily, so we hope you will all continue to stay flexible. CBS will continue masking in the building regardless of changes made to state-wide mask mandate until our physicians confirm we are out of the risk categories and can safely do so. We will hopefully resume congregational Kiddush for Pesach, we would consider starting sooner but have some logistics issues- need to check vendors, parts for equipment in kitchen, order supplies, etc. But hopefully have food in some way in the building for Purim and Men's Club Shabbat. Any concerns, please reach out to staff. We will be honoring our task force physicians at our annual Fundraising event.
- Rabbi Melman report-
 - Thanks to all of you from congregation and BOT and the committee for such thoughtful and active participation in the Rabbi Search process.

VP Reports

- Membership – Sue Lampert
 - Reminder to sign up for legal CLE class led by Rabbi Melman, \$50 for members and \$100 for non-members.
 - Question was asked about presenting a comprehensive membership report for next month. Currently at 1054 member units, but expecting a drop of approx. 12 more. Have had interest for new members as well. We try to speak with every dropped member, although not always possible.
 - Question was asked if we can get a list of drops in last 3 years, the best way to get them back would be for BOT members to call if there is already a relationship. Can include a new Rabbi in our messaging for them.

- Programming – Randy Samborn
 - September 8 is return of in-person distinguished speaker program with hosting a live recording of podcast “Unorthodox”. Working on another program as well for late summer but not ready to announce yet.

- Sisterhood – Jackie Zelkowitz
 - Annual Sisterhood Shabbat Service was held on Friday, February 4th. Over 100 people at Sisterhood Shabbat, thanks to all. Events are coming up and will need volunteers for Pesach cooking.

- Men’s Club – Steve Lessman, Andy Wagner
 - March 19 is Men’s club Shabbat where we will honor Kavod winner Lawrence Levine.

- Ritual Committee – Bill Shulman
 - Please attend minyan when you can. Will be starting the process soon of assigning B’nai Mitzvah dates.

- Youth – Seth Schrank
 - Still searching for a youth director, no qualified resumes yet.
 - USY is having some fun and well-attended events both in building and district wide.

- School – Robyn Rosengard
 - Please buy your Shaloch Manos basket if you haven't yet.
 - Thanks to Stacy for doing a great job going between zoom and in person classes on a moment's notice.

- Social Action – Suzy Hakimian
 - Thanks to Edna Schrank and her support in dropping off 125 bras to “Support the Girls”.
 - We still need paper and reusable grocery shopping bags.
 - April 3 is International Mitzvah Day

- Finance Committee Report: Cheryl Braude, Howard Freidin
 - See written report

- Fundraising: Howard Sigal
 - Sunday May 22nd –Focus is on FUN. An evening program featuring Sidney Freidman The Mentalist. We are honoring our 4 Covid Task Force doctors (Dr. Jaffe, Dr. Shapiro, Dr. Hakiminan, Dr. Shulman). There will be a tribute book and a 50/50 raffle. Event will be live and virtual. Website and invites ready shortly

- House Committee – Ray Rokni
 - See written report
 - Motion 1-by Ray Rokni, second Neil Rosengard, approve up to \$6000 for HVAC duct repairs on roof. Passed unanimously.
 - Motion 2- Ray Rokni, second by Robyn Rosengard, approve up to \$10,000 for walk in cooler repairs in kitchen. Passed unanimously.
 - Motion 3-by Neil Rosengard, second by Seth Schrank, approve up to \$30,000 to replace 2 building signs at front entrance and Walters Ave. Motion passed 49 yes, 2 abstain, 0 no.

- Hineynu Update- Donor recognition is still on-going, Jill Olefsky is chairperson. We are adding 30 names and making corrections to the sign in the building. We have a book

which will chronicle our entire process. Thank you again for all who have participated, we are grateful for the support and commitment.

- Old Business
 - 2nd of 3 cooking classes coming up.

- New Business
 - Can we make a donation to support Jews in Ukraine?

- Good and Welfare

- Open meeting adjourned moved to executive session

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Solomon

Linda Foster

