

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 16, 2022 (via Zoom and in-person)

Call to Order 8:20 pm

- D'var Torah presented by Rabbi Melman
 - Rabbi reflected on how the past 2 ½ years challenged us to grow and adapt, there are still challenges ahead because of the pandemic
 - We are currently counting the Omer-we also need to count on each other, we have always relied on each other. Now more than ever this is important-we need to depend on each other and not lose sight of this.
 - This week's parsha-Bahar-we are reminded to treat each other with respect.
 - Rabbi wants to make CBS the best place it can be. Tonight we will be sharing with the congregation details of the past year and what the future holds.
 - If we don't respect each other, we have failed-need to have respectful discussions tonight
 - Let's support each other next year and reflect how we have stepped up for each other and what we have accomplished.
 - Rabbi has a sense of opportunity and optimism for next year.

- President's Report – Bob Spector
 - Bob welcomed everyone in person and on Zoom.
 - Bob noted this was a joyful year-we prayed, celebrated and partied together this year. It was also a sorrowful year-we lost many people this year.
 - For the budget we needed to go into our reserves, but we are still financially in a good place. But, the budget is a warning-we need new sources of funds. The CBS community needs to be involved
 - Bob thanked and recognized the executive board, past presidents, and board of trustees

VP Reports

- Membership – Sue Lampert
 - Sue was excited to roll out the new member onboarding
 - CBS first year experience:
 - Yom Beth Shalom

- Shabbat under the Stars
 - Sukkot at home
 - Purim-mishloach manot for new and perspective families
 - 100 members in Yachad groups
 - CBS connections
 - 30 new members/families this year
 - 1044 household members
 - Sue thanked her committee

- House Committee – Ray Rokni
 - Ray noted the information on maintenance and infrastructure are in his year-end report
 - Past 2 years-items not related to the building:
 - Streaming services-working on making this better
 - FEMA grant for \$95,000 for building security-window protection, blue boxes in building
 - Signs outside building-updated with new logo
 - Ray thanked Susan Karlinsky, Michael Garlin, maintenance staff and his committee members

- Ritual Committee – Bill Shulman
 - Synagogue was re-opened for shabbat services and minyon
 - High holidays was successful with early and late services. Clergy created meaningful services
 - Simchat Torah was a joyous outside service
 - Community Shiva-supported families, friends of the congregation
 - 2024-2025 B'nai Mitzvoted are planned
 - Bill thanked his committee

- School – Robyn Rosengard
 - Robyn thanked Bob, Tanya and the school board
 - School was in-person and online this year and also for next year
 - 175 students in kindergarten through 7th grade, 25 in CBS high school program
 - Aleph champ has been a positive experience again
 - Special activities were planned for all grades
 - 6th grades attended Shabbat services instead of attending school on Sunday

- Men's Club – Steve Lessman, Andy Wagner
 - Men's club won 5 FJMC gold awards and awards for Best Men's club and the gold torch award for best programming
 - Men's club has 358 members-one of the largest men's clubs in the country
 - Over 1000 people attended events this year- Events this year:
 - Opening meeting
 - Sukkot-50 attendees
 - Sold 1465 lox boxes-798 went to ARK and CJE. 71 were donated to fire and police stations
 - Breakfasts throughout the year followed COVID protocols-thanked Susan and Michael for their help with this
 - 927 candles for Yom HaShoah-money was donated-thanked Cantor Stoehr for his involvement
 - 19 programs in person and Zoom, including a combined program with sisterhood and men's club shabbat
 - June 16-golf outing and installation dinner
 - Thanked men's club board members. Adding 10 new, young men's club board members next year.

- Sisterhood – Jackie Zelkowitz
 - Returned to in person and Zoom meetings this year
 - 574 paying members
 - Programs in past year
 - Knitters for Ukraine
 - Torah Fund 80th anniversary-close to meeting goals
 - Joined religious school for Mitzvah Day
 - Helped plate and serve food for kiddushim
 - Honoring at the culminating dinner Maria Catezone for all her help
 - Jackie thanked the sisterhood board, Rabbi Melman, Rabbi Ferratier, Cantor Stoehr, Bob, Michael, Susan, men's club presidents

- Youth – Seth Schrank
 - USY is strong-held activities virtually and in person
 - New board was just elected
 - Over half of the regional board is from CBS-youth are developing leadership skills
 - CBS USY was awarded chapter of the year for the CHUSY region
 - Seth thanked Eric Goldberg, and also thanked Melissa Kaplan for her continued involvement as a USY advisor

- Programming – Randy Samborn
 - Randy noted it was a successful year, programs, Hazak programs and CBS were in person and remotely
 - Highlights of past year included Daniel Silva and Integrity First which was moderated by Doug Jones
 - Upcoming programs:
 - Daniel Silva-Thursday July 28-returning in person to discuss his new book
 - Thursday Sept 8-“Unorthodox” podcast- live recording of a 90 minute podcast that will broadcasted world wide
 - Other events are in the planning stages
 - Randy thanked his committee members, Lisa Orlov and Leann Blu

- Social Action – Suzy Hakimian
 - Suzy said “what we do makes a difference”!
 - Suzy noted that Mitzvah Day was the biggest event and included sisterhood, religious school and HUGS
 - Suzy noted that there are collections all year long for items such as bras, Halloween candy and items for pet shelters
 - Suzy thanked all her committee members and Susan Karlinsky

- Endowment Report-Brett Maxwell
 - Brett noted they meet quarterly and manage the endowment
 - Brett thanked the committee members and Susan Karlinsky
 - The endowment is being managed professionally by Vanguard and JUF.

- Nominating Committee- Tanya Solomon

Nominating Committee’s Slated Officers and Board of Trustees for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022

Executive Committee

President- Dr. Bob Spector
 Fundraising VP- Ellen Grossman*
 House VP- Arlen Lasinsky*
 Membership VP- Susan Lampert
 Programming VP- Randy Samborn
 Ritual VP- Bill Shulman
 Religious School VP- Robyn Rosengard
 Social Action VP- Suzy Hakimian
 Youth VP- Seth Schrank
 Administrative Secretary- Linda Foster
 Treasurer- Cheryl Braude
 Financial Secretary- Howard Freidin
 Accounts Receivable- Ray Rokni*

Mens Club President- Steve Lessman
Sisterhood President- Jackie Zelkowitz
IPP- Tanya Solomon

Board of Trustees

1. Judy Balter
2. Harold Dembo
3. Rick Dissen
4. Jim Donenberg
5. Steven Elisco
6. Hillary Elkins
7. Ari Footlik
8. Annie Goldman
9. Bob Goldwin*
10. Andy Lebovitz
11. Sandee Levin*
12. Diana Lewis
13. Bret Maxwell
14. Marjorie Maxwell
15. Roz Mokhtarian
16. Amy Offenbach
17. Jill Olefsky*
18. Mitch Padnos*
19. Leslie Rogoff
20. Fern Roseman*
21. Neil Rosengard
22. Edna Schrank
23. Lani Schrank*
24. Dr. Alan Shapiro
25. Brad Shaps
26. Howard Sigal*
27. Dan Sher
28. Laura Shulman
29. Jay Silver
30. Charlotte Stern
31. Dr. Andy Wagner
32. Alyssa Weisbach
33. Sara Weinstein
34. Adam Weinstock
35. Alan Zelkowitz

Thank you for your service on the BOT

1. Wes Nissen
2. Karyn Liss
3. Jill Roter

***Denotes new to this position for 2022-2023 year**

- Presented slate of officers and BOT. No other candidates or nominations, so slate was approved-no vote was needed
- 35 seats of BOT members are filled
- Tanya thanked the nominating committee

- Finance Committee Report: Cheryl Braude
 - Cheryl thanked Susan and Michael for their help with the budget
 - Cheryl noted items from this past year's budget
 - \$211,469.43 savings from previous year helped establish a balanced budget this year
 - Cheryl thanked Harvey Miller for his yearly \$100,000 grant
 - Cheryl noted that expenses were up 12% this past year-this reflects the building and religious school being open, the need for a comptroller and executive director now that the building is open and the hiring of more seasoned staff
 - Cheryl moved to approve the 2023 budget, second by Lily Zoberman
 - Vote on 2023 budget
 - In person Yes-43 No-0 Abstain 0
 - Zoom Yes-47 No-1 Abstain 0
 - Motion passed

 - Cheryl moved to approve the 2023 building fund, second by Tami Rokni
 - In person Yes-44 No-0 Abstain 0
 - Zoom Yes-42 No-0 Abstain 1
 - Motion passed

- Bylaws changes-Tanya Solomon
 - Proposed Bylaw changes were presented to BOT members. See attached.
 - Tanya thanked the nominating committee who helped with bylaws changes. Tanya noted that congregants can suggest bylaw changes

 - Tanya moved to approve changes to Section 3 eligibility, paragraph C, page 7 Seth Schrank seconded
 - In person Yes-35, No-4, Abstain-0
 - Zoom Yes-36, No-3, Abstain-4
 - Motion passed

 - Tanya moved to approve changes to Article X, section 2 selection, page 21 and Article XI, section 2 selection, page 23 Brett Maxwell seconded

- In person Yes-40, No-0, Abstain-0
 - Zoom Yes-32, No-4, Abstain-4
- Motion passed

- Randy Samborn moved to approve, as approved by BOT, changes to Article XII section 1, Members of Nominating Committee page 26 Lee Shulman seconded. Accepted amendment to motion to state “immediate congregational” past president
 - In person Yes-37, No-0, Abstain-0
 - Zoom Yes-38, No-0, Abstain-3
- Motion passed

- Tanya moved to approve changes to Article VII Section 6 B-changes to reflect gender neutral language Lily Zoberman seconded.
 - In person Yes-40, No-0, Abstain-0
 - Zoom Yes-35, No-3, Abstain-1
- Motion passed

- Old Business
 - No old business

- New Business
 - No new business

- Good and Welfare
 - No Good and Welfare

- Moved to adjourn at 9:50 pm by Joel Weinstein Second by Jill Olefsky

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Foster