

Temple Sinai Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Open Session

04/27/2021

Attendees	Present	Attendee	Present		Present
Bob Steine	X	Sandy Korn	X	Kathy Zeiger	
Vicki Goldman	X	Jeff Lavenhar	X	Stephanie Podolak	
Fred Leviton	X	Larry Polman	X	Lisa Meer Weiss	X
Stephen Weinstein		David Solomon	X	Lauren Kimball	X
Larry Jacobson	X				
Bruce Tully	X				
David Eisner	X				
Rabbi R. Rheins	X	Ron Leff	X	Melissa Maahs	X
Rabbi J. Callman	X	Lauren Bubis	X	Yoni Buckman	
Lisa Thorner	X	Dan Yolles			
Shelia Purdin	X	Mara Simon			

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

- I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
- II. D'var Torah
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion: To accept minutes as presented: Bob Steine
 - b. 2nd: Sandy Korn
 - c. Status: Approved
 - d. Comments: updated one item, changed Lisa Weiss to Lisa Thorner
- IV. Old Business
- V. Staff Reports
 - a. Clergy
 - i. We will be hosting the Celebrate Israel event
 - ii. There is an increase in B'nai Mitzvah's due to last year's covid related postponements
 - b. Executive Director
 - i. Fence Update
 1. Pending FEMA update, no new information as of this meeting.
 - ii. Homeland Security Grant
 1. Phase 1 of the fence will be funded via the Homeland Security Grant
 - a. This will be the perimeter fencing
 2. Phase 2 (dependent on additional grants), will go to gates and other security items
 - iii. Staffing
 1. Lauren will be on leave starting on 4/30, we will have coverage for Lauren's responsibilities
 - iv. BBYO Proposal – Ian Solow-Niederman

1. Ian reviewed the proposal that is in the board packet as well as the current Temple Sinai members that are already part of the BBYO organization.
 2. Discussion about the chapters that would be available for all teen members
 3. The key reasoning for this opportunity is the small TSYG membership and need to find a way to connect the Sinai community to a larger group
 4. Structure of this partnership will be determined as we decide to move forward on this item
 - v. Annual Meeting – Tuesday June 22, 2021, 6:30pm MT
 - c. Religious School Update
 - i. The school year is wrapping up and the hybrid learning has been successful as well as recent weeks of having kids on premise (on Sunday's).
 - ii. Our 2nd confirmation service is upcoming, including in-person option for the families of this year's confirmands.
 - iii. Religious school task force
 1. Planning for next year is underway
 - d. Programming
 - i. Zoom Part 2
 1. Strong response from the community, fundraising was positive and appreciated
 - ii. Outdoor Concert Series – May 15th, 5:30pm MT
 1. A klezmer band will be the feature event, we'll also include an open mic portion for the event
 2. The goal is to have this be an on-going series of events
 - e. Preschool
 - i. There will three graduation events
 - ii. Camp registration is underway
- VI. Committee Reports
- a. Financial Report – Mara Simon
 - i. Budget
 1. Mara is working on the monthly reporting and has completed her first draft version
 2. We are well above the matching fund
 3. Strong dues collections
 4. Zoom contributions
 5. These have all contributed to our strong cash flow position
 - a. We may look to investment opportunities
 6. A new budget should be available by the end of May
 - ii. PPP Certification
 - iii. Audit
 1. This should be in May and reviewed by the Audit committee
 - iv. Board Designated Funds
 1. Once budget is complete, we'll tackle this as the next major reconciliation and consolidation project
 2. We'll use Keshet to communicate with the congregation on what we're doing and how they can make specific contributions to their desired funds

- b. COVID Task Force – Sandy Korn
 - i. Covid committee met and reviewed current conditions within the community.
 - ii. The committee recommended keeping chapel attendance numbers as is (20).
 - iii. The committee recommended that we'll allow up to 100 people to attend in the Zwerin sanctuary
 - iv. We are developing a "go-neg" program for post services socializing (outside)
 - v. Choir activity will still be limited to 10 members with distancing and masks
 - vi. The committee continues to look at how we can allow the serving of food for events like B'Nai mitzvahs.
 - 1. Space utilization is a key issue for this item
- c. Nominating Committee – Fred Leviton
 - i. There are a number of applicants and the process is underway
- d. Cultural Arts Committee – Jeff Lavenhar
 - i. A report and proposal is within the board packet and how we can combine several of the funds into a single fund
 - ii. The new committee would be a standing group
 - Motion: Jeff Lavenhar: To establish a standing Cultural Arts Committee representing all age groups, to support, supplement and expand Temple Sinai's cultural arts programs for the benefit of our members and families, to enhance Jewish education, enrichment, entertainment and individual participation, and to support fundraising and grant proposal efforts directed to such programs and activities.
 - 2nd: Dave Eisner
 - a. Discussion: Jeff described the difference between a standing vs. an ad hoc committee
 - Status: Approved
- e. Caring Committee – Lisa Thorner
- f. Social Tzedek – Kathy Zeiger and Rabbi Callman
 - i. Currently working on partner organizations under the food injustice umbrella
 - ii. The goal is to find opportunities to work within this space

VII. VII. New Business

VIII. VIII. Executive Session