

Temple Sinai Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

09/13/22

Attendees	Present	Attendee	Present		Present
David Eisner		David Appel		Rebecca Hea	X
Bob Steine	X	Paulette Brody	X	Ana Koser	
Stephanie Podolak		Jonathan Falk		Terri Tillis	
Anna Kaminsky	X	Erwin Gelfand	X	Marshall Tobin	X
Kathy Zeiger	X	Gil Gerstein	X	Lisa Meer Weiss	X
Rabbi R. Rheins	X	Lauren Kimball	X		
Rabbi J. Callman	X	Leah	X		
Lisa Thorner	X	Doni Kaye	X		
Ruthie Lipshulch	X	Shelia Purdin	X		

Time: 5:45- 6:30

- I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
- II. D'var Torah

Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion: To accept minutes as presented: Ana Kaminsky
- b. 2nd- Paulette Brody
- c. Status- Approved

V. Staff Reports

a. Clergy

i. Rabbis:

- 1. High Holy days are in two weeks
- 2. Grief counseling group is starting
- 3. JFS and Sinai Jewish Disability Awareness (JDA) partnership meeting kicked off today.

ii. Executive Director:

- 1. Fence- working with the surveyor to move back the fence. Taylor met with zoning and forestry for regulations as well. Once we have met all of those we will meet with the city again for final approval.
 - a. We have spent around \$25,000 so far with the survey company and lawyer fees.
 - b. Have paid part of the original fence fees
- 2. Homeland Security Grant- \$137,000 was awarded. Vetticom and SIS have submitted bids. Bob Steine is soliciting one more bid. Walk-throughs will continue with each team as we go forward.
- 3. Wifi Update

- a. \$75,000 to add access points around the campus per Comcast
 - b. Verticom is now going to be giving us a bid as well.
 - 4. High Holy Days
 - a. Board members should still sign up for a service.
 - b. Ushers
 - c. Security- Lisa and Bob Steine have been working with Invicta
 - 5. Committees – Lisa and Lauren will reach out individually to complete signing up.
- iii. Religious School Update: Doni Kaye
 - a. Opening Day- wonderful day
 - b. 15 madrichim
 - c. Teachers are engaging with sharing lesson plans and connecting with families.
 - d. 60-90 day plan is in the works with staff
 - iv. Cantorial Soloist: Ruthie Lipshulch
 - a. First Selichot is coming up and programming is ready to go; Saturday night at 7pm
 - b. Has been doing work with the preschool as well.
 - v. Preschool: Sheila Purdin
 - a. Staffing update- currently almost completely staffed. It is still a struggle but we are almost there
 - b. PTO and families are starting to make great connections and are planning their first social event since covid.
 - c. Many other in person events with families are being planned as well.
 - d. Billing & Paychex challenges-
 - e. Circle Grant is asking for more documentation than was shared when we applied for the grant but Sheila is working through it all.
 - vi. Financial Report-Anna Kaminsky
 - a. Cash balance increased by \$50,000
 - b. \$120,000 in fundraising came from the annual event
 - c. Great month overall- positive net income
 - d. Working to create two funds one for operating funds and another for restricted funds to earn some interest income.
 - vii. New Business
 - a. Strategic Plan
 - b. October White Board Session with Board
 - c. Met with Shana Cohen about reimplementing the ambassador program to welcome new families.
 - viii. Executive Session