

Temple Sinai Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Meeting- 7/12/23

Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present
Stephanie Podolak	X	David Appel		Alison Magno	X
Dave Eisner	X	Janette Amayo	X	Rachel Narcissi	
Jonathan Falk		Paulette Brody	X	Terri Tilliss	X
Anna Kaminsky	X	Rob Eber	X	Lis Meer Weiss	X
Ana Koser	X	Gil Gerstein	X	Eddie Yenkinson	X
Marshall Tobin	X	Jean Guthery			
Kathy Zeiger	X	Rebecca Hea	X		
Rabbi R. Rheins		Lisa Thorner	X	Leah Goldberg	X
Rabbi M. Shields	X	Lauren Kimball	X	Doni Kaye	X
Ruthie Lipshulch	X			Sheila Purdin	X

Time:7:08 pm-8:37pm

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
2. D'var Torah- Rabbi Michael Shields
3. Review and approval of the last board meeting minutes
 - a. Motion- Dave Eisner
 - b. Second- Anna Kaminsky
4. New Business
 - a. Board Expectations
 - i. Come to meetings prepared and with a positive and thoughtful attitude. Come with ideas, ready to collaborate and engage in respectful disagreement.
 - ii. Services- every Friday night a board member attends services, shares announcements and congratulates the B'nei Mitzvah. Lisa will be sending out a sign up.
 - iii. High Holy Day calls- Lisa will send out a list for calls.
 - iv. Events
 1. Welcome back picnic
 2. Annual event
 - v. Financial giving
 1. We meet you where you are, board members are expected to give at their level.
 - vi. Comments
 1. Get board minutes out earlier prior to meetings
 2. New households- board members reaching out as an ambassador, Rob eber and Terri Tiliss will assign them to board members.
 - b. Meeting expectations
 - i. Choose topics important to the present and future. Spend time brainstorming on ideas and create action plans to move forward.

1. Begin strategic planning work (get notes from Lauren)
2. Strategic planning 1-3-5 year(s)
 - a. Define our culture? Inside and Outside?
 - b. Curriculum for religious school and how it grows vertically
 - c. Worship- how does prayer fit into people's lives today?
3. What are our next topics?
 - a. Fundraising and Annual Dinner
 - b. Comments
 - i. Lisa Meer Weiss: We are in a great financial situation and we need to look at big picture fundraising. We need to do some work around identifying why someone should give: purpose of gifts, other drivers, how to engage different groups.
 - ii. What does the annual event look like next year? Similar to the preschool fundraiser this past year. With similar visions- funds were being allocated to the same thing- new outdoor space. This was an important driving purpose.
 - iii. 2024: looking at April 7th or 14th possibly honoring Rabbi Zwerin and Rikki Zwerin, other ideas? First 50 families?
 - c. Outdoor space
 - i. Plans have come in for the new do we need another quote for a project of this scale? We have had 2 landscape architect quotes. Maintenance team will be a part of this process for annual upkeep.
- c. Committee Membership
 - i. Look at the list and review, let Stephannie know if there are conflicts
- d. Young Families and Empty Nesters- Rabbi Shields
 - i. Reference; "Forkful of Judaism"
 1. Key Areas:
 - a. Relationships
 - b. Shabbat/Worship
 - c. Holidays and Food
 - d. Social Action/"Doing Jewish"
- e. Bylaw Review and potential changes to bylaws
 - i. Stephanie and other committee members will be reviewing and presenting.
 1. Possibly changing to 8 meetings and 2 special meetings
 2. Committee Night at the Temple as one of the alternate board meeting nights; invite members to start joining, this will be shared at High Holy Days
 - a. Are there committee meeting group requirements?
 - b. This will be addressed at committees begin meeting