

Temple Sinai Board of Trustees Meeting Notes
Meeting- 1/22/25

Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present
Stephanie Podolak	X	Gerald Lassow	X		
Dave Eisner	X	Janette Amayo	X	Rachel Narcissi	X
Jonathan Falk	X	Emily Yates	X	Terri Tilliss	
Phyllis Babich	X	Rob Eber		Lisa Meer Weiss	X
Ana Koser	X	Melanie Wiseman	X	Eddie Yenkinson	X
Marshall Tobin	X	Jean Guthery	X		
Kathy Zeiger	X	Rebecca Hea Wilson	X		
Jim Stone	X				
Rabbi R. Rheins	X	Lisa Thorner	X	Doni Kaye	X
Rabbi M. Shields	X	Ruthie Lipshulch	X	Sheila Purdin	
Debbie Foster	X	Rob Eber		Lauren Bubis	X

6:00 p.m.-7:35 p.m.

I. Dinner

II. D'Var Torah

Rabbi Rheins

III. Old Business

A. Review/Acceptance of Minutes

Ana Koser

1. Motion to approve: Marshall Tobin
 Second: Kathy Zeiger
 Motion passes

B. Chai 5 Campaign Update

Lisa Thorner

Updates: Exceeded last year which was around \$55,000, and we are around \$67,000 this year. The overall breakdown is pretty equal as to where the money should be distributed

Overall membership has been awesome, and has been increasing

An ambassador program will be put in place with touch points and reach outs to families.

C. Building updates

Lisa Thorner

- Working on getting new tables, new chairs
- new streaming cameras
- everything is looking really good

IV. New Business

a. Upcoming Calendar of Events

Lisa Thorner

-Lindsay will send out an email with all events in February (restaurant nights, 20% of proceeds to go back to Temple Sinai)

b. Upcoming Events

- i. Shabbat Shirah-Saturday February 8 Ruthie
-adult choir, Rabbi Susan will be chanting, should be a great event turning darkness to light
 - ii. New Member Brunch-March 8
 - iii. Purim-March 13
 - iv. Passover-April 13
 - v. Look at Debbie Reports, lots happening

- c. Switching banks Lisa Thorner
-Phyllis, Stephanie, Lisa will be meeting with the bank. The idea is to have a better relationship with our lender etc.

- d. Security Fee Lauren Bubis
We kept the fee the same for the last 3 years. Asked that it be paid by September so that we are up to speed.
-do we keep the same amount or increase? If we do a dues increase, how much should we do?
-if we get the security grant it doesn't go towards security people
-its been \$118
-any objection about fees in the past? We spend about \$12,000/month now. The security fee does not cover all of our costs.
-\$65/month/family at Pre-school, \$180 in the summer
-We did not increase membership dues last year
-We can vote on this by March
-Lisa/Lauren will work on proposal for our next meeting
-Wait until new fiscal year which is July 1

- e. Mt. Nebo Lauren Bubis
We are running out of plots, very few are together. Mt. Nebo has property it purchased on the other side of 13th. They may have space for around 200 plots, it needs work, its not next to our old plots but it does make sense as we are low on plots now to secure additional plots for the future. We will begin charging \$2,000 in march per plot, currently we charge \$1,500 per plot.

Its important for Temple Sinai to have plots to offer to families especially as we grow. Mt. Nebo will put together a proposal by March for the board to vote on.

- c. Defeat Antisemitism Terry Tillis
This is happening on 11/21 and it's a series of sessions. How it feels to be at the center of antisemitism will be the topic

- d. Sinai Shines Debbie Foster

This is how we bring our community together with a Sinai wide Havdallah, candle making, preschool and religious school kids performing together. Looking for sponsorships. This is a great way to encourage attendance

- e. Board member spots
-a number of spots are turning over soon, so lets look at that and begin planning

- f. Finances Phyllis Babich
 - i. Budget
 - ii. Audit Review

-Sending financial reports off for review, budget looks good, things falling into line as projected

iii. Administrative fee on Donations:

-lots going on and need to be more clear and careful as we present this to members

iv. Budgeting 2025-2026:

-would be nice to put together a video of a year in review to look at what we have done and see the impact of what Temple Sinai is applying the money towards
-would be a great outreach tool

g. Fundraising

a. Annual Event: June 8th

Working on setting up a committee and a date to meet to plan

No honoree this year, will be a fun event similar to last year: such as musical guest, mentalist, magician

b. Endowment

Jim Stone, Lisa, and Lauren met about endowment

Lisa needs more volunteers who can help with this, the goal is to build our future