

Temple Sinai Board of Trustees Meeting Notes
Meeting- 10/28/25 6:00 pm

Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present
Stephanie Podolak	X	Gerald Lassow	X		
Dave Eisner		Jeanette Amayo	X	Rachael Narcissi	X
		Emily Yates		John Spanbauer	X
Phyllis Babich	X	Rob Eber	X	Reid Goodman	X
Ana Koser	X	Melanie Wiseman	X	Tamara Siegel	X
Marshall Tobin		Jean Guthery	X	Al Blum	X
Kathy Zeiger	X	Rebecca Hea Wilson		Amanda Brooks	X
Jim Stone	X			Adam Melnick	X
Rabbi R. Rheins	X	Lisa Thorner	X	Doni Kaye	X
Rabbi M. Shields	X	Ruthie Lipshulch	X	Sheila Purdin	X
Debbie Foster	X	Rob Eber	X	Lauren Mielziner	X

I. Dinner

II. D'Var Torah:

Rabbi Rheins

III. Introductions

Stephanie Podolak

IV. Old Business

a. Review and acceptance of minutes:

Ana Koser

1. Motion to approve: Al Blum
 Second: Kathy Zeiger
 Motion passes

b. Mount Nebo Update

Lisa Thorner

- Working to negotiate the plots
- \$200k up front, over three installments
- TS is working on plot price for members, will be at least \$2,500, not sure yet. Will come out in upcoming bulletin.
- Mount Nebo is coming up with final proposal
- We should have enough plots for the next 7-10 years

c. Bylaws

- Members who will help work on these, please stick around so that we can work on them

d. Building Updates

- i. Solar
- ii. Outdoor Space: Phase II is going great, 11/9 @ 11:30-12:30 dedication for the outdoor space will happen. Will talk about how members money has been applied
- iii. Landscaping: all redone by the front, sprinkler lines fixed
- iv. Youth Lounge: Nathan Mendel is putting together a bid

- v. Wall in Sanctuary: Walls to be improved because of the sound. One of the Chai 5 dollars will be applied to this. A congregant came forward to help and pay for this, very positive
- vi. Memorial Wall (put your name by the example you like) a few examples will be passed around

V. New Business

Lisa Thorner

a. Calendar of Dates:

-Friday 11/21 Board Installation in front of congregation, offer services, dinner in social hall.

--11/23 annual Interfaith Service for Thanksgiving service. We have been doing this since 1967

b. Texting System

Lisa Thorner

-Lindsay Baltimore is helping create another mechanism to help get additional reach to members.

c. Appel Family Donation Update

Stephanie Podolak

-Hired Brynn Tully for the development position

-Looking at a candidate for fundraising, she is the head of development at Craig Hospital for fundraising: Committee handling the interview: Jim, Rebecca, Rob, Rabbi Rheins, Stephanie, David Appel

d. Fundraising

i. Chai 5 Update-Calling Tree from the board

-We may do a calling tree from the board whereby we reach out to members to make them aware of the campaign.

-We have close to \$48,000 raised so far.

-Lisa would love to have each board member reach out to 30 people. It makes more of an impact when members hear from board members.

-Can get marketing out

-Add a QR code at the preschool

-Have religious school teachers put it in the weekly emails to the parents

ii. Annual Event for 2026

-Figuring out event for next year

e. Finances

i. Full Audit for 2025

Phyllis Babich

-The Full audit is done, met with CPAs

-Getting Kesef all reports to them by 11/15 so that it should be done by January 2026

- The finance committee has met a few times. A few things came up, are private equity investments something we want to invest in? After much discussion, they are a bit riskier than we may want.

-The recommendation is not to make any changes now, maybe see if we can get investment advisors on the committee.

-It is our responsibility to look out for TS funds and do what is best, we as a board have to approve any changes. Investing conservatively has brought good returns. Returns through August on average are around 8.5%.

j. Committees

Lisa Thorner

-Lisa will be sending out a list of what we asked to serve on.