

Temple Sinai Board of Trustees Meeting Notes
Meeting- 4/14/26 6:00 pm

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

I. Dinner

II. D'Var Torah

Rabbi Shields

III. **Old Business**

a. Audit review

Jane Robbins

-Jane Robbins is a member of our finance committee. She is here to give an overview of the audit:

-What are audited financials: we have gone through independent review: Kesef our accounting firm. Lauren sends information to them daily: underlying documents and Kesef looks at balances, bank accounts etc. This type of audit is done every other year. The cost is \$19k for an audit and about half of that for an audit review.

Stephanie: Was there anything that caused the auditors any concern?

Jane: No

If we know anyone that can serve on the audit committee, please let Lisa know.

As a member of the audit committee are we recommending that we accept the audit?

Motion: Nomination to accept the results from the audit

-1st: Jerry

-2nd: Jim

-All in favor, passed, no oppositions

b. Review and acceptance of minutes

Ana Koser

-1st: Kathy

-2nd: Rob

-All in favor, all passed

c. Updates

Lisa Thorner

- i. Solar Install: waiting on a piece from Xcel but the solar is up and going
- ii. Memorial Board: mock up passed around. Fabrication will be going in the next week or so.
- iii. Youth Lounge: 95% complete, next week. Couch to get picked.
-Want to do a dedication to the Appels (David Appel), Chai Five, sometime in the beginning of May
- iv. Cemetery: meet with Jay to do plots
Debris cleaned out, cement curbs extended, a lot of work has been done during the winter
Prices for the plots will go up July 1st

Lauren Mielziner

IV. **New Business**

Lisa Thorner

a. Security

i. Air Phone System Review-Vote

- Main concern from congregants is security. We are reacting and being responsive
- The current system isn't working as well as it should be
- The company that currently does our system can replace everything, it would let you let people through on your phone. The current bid for update is \$23,560
- We have already spent \$25,000 on safety updates in the last few months
- We have done a survey and looking at other temples increasing security dues to \$150 is still less than other temples
- 600 people pay the security dues out of 900 people
- We should look into what if the wi-fi goes down, how would the security system work? Is there a landline? Will look into all of these.

Vote: to approve the bid for the air phone system up to \$25,000

- 1st: Dave
- 2nd: Rebecca
- All passed

-Motion amended to approve bid up to \$30,000

-all passed

b. Active Harmer Plan/Training

- i. Push Gate-Fence: we need to install two (2) push gates which are around \$7,100 each. Lisa will send out to get board approval

Stephanie: Motion to approve push gates and approve up to \$20,000 for push gates

- 1st: Adam
- 2nd: Kathy

-all passed

Look to enclose trash container, Lisa will look to get updated bid

d. Fundraising

Mona

- i. Annual Event: 6/7/26
- ii. Need auction items. Need three from every board member
- iii. Live Auction items: house in Scottsdale, house in Breck, air fare to NY or is there a city that entices everyone? SF and wine country? Safari?

g. Finances

i. Budget-working on 2026-27

Lauren and Lisa

ii. Security Fees Increase \$118-\$150

Stephanie

- As of 4/10/26, \$1.3 million for dues, we had most collected, 9 months into the fiscal year

-We need to have the money in hand, we have put significant amount of money towards security updates.

Motion: Is there a disagreement from moving security fees from \$118 to \$150?

-Motion to increase the security fees

-1st: Jim

-2nd: Marshall

No oppositions, no abstentions, passed

iii. Dues Increase: 3%, 4%, 5%

Lisa

-Security fee dues have to go to security

-Should we increase money on programs rather than increase dues?

Nomination to increase dues to 3%

-1st Dave

-2nd: Marshall

9 voted, 5 abstentions, motion passed