

Kehillat Beth Israel

**Board of Directors
January 16, 2020
Simcha Room
Minutes**

Present:

Ilana Albert-Novick
Jay Amdur
Yossi Bokhaut
Mordecai Brodt

Norm Ferkin
David Lyman
Joel Sachs
Judah Silverman

Donna Strauss
Harland Tanner
Eric Weiner

Secretary:

Jodi Gitter

Clergy Present:

Cantor Jason Green
Rabbi Deborah Zuker

Staff Present:

Rena Garshowitz

Regrets:

Rabbi Eytan Kenter
Harvey Slack
Helen Zipes

1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order and Welcome

Judah Silverman

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

1.2 Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Judah Silverman

None of the members present declared a conflict of interest.

1.3 D'var Torah

Rabbi Deborah Zuker

1.4 Moment of Silence to commemorate those congregants who have passed away since the last board meeting

Judah Silverman

Mathilde Elhiany
Rose Kostiner

1.5 Approval of the Agenda of January 16, 2020

Judah Silverman

A motion was made by David Lyman and seconded by Mordecai Brodt to approve the agenda.

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

1.6 Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors

A motion was made by Jodi Gitter and seconded by Yossi Bokhaut to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors for the meeting held on December 19, 2019.

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

1.7 Business arising from previous minutes

None

2.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS_

2.1 Executive Director's written statement respecting the status of staff salaries and remittances to government

Rena Garshowitz

Rena presented the statement for employee wages to the Board. (See addendum)

2.2 Monthly Financial Update - November 2019

Jay Amdur

- Jay reported that the Finance and Audit committee introduced 2 new categories including Ritual Items and Meeting Expenses that will now be tracked separately.
- Additionally, Dues Charged and Dues Collected will now be shown on the monthly reports.
- Bank charges: From a question at the last board meeting. The Finance and Audit Committee reviewed expenses and confirmed that no interest is being paid and that all other bank charges are in line with what is expected.

3.0 REPORTING OPTIONS WITH DISCUSSION AND VOTE_

3.1 Other business raised by any Director requiring Board decision or authority

None.

4.0 REPORTING OPTIONS WITH DISCUSSION BUT WITHOUT VOTE

4.1 2020 Goals Exercise

Judah Silverman

- Judah presented a list of priorities suggested by board members in a recent questionnaire. There were a plethora of suggestions which included fundraising of all kinds (including Building Our Future), wide appeal events such as Nefesh Mountain and Yid Life Crisis, accessibility for all members, themed talks, musical Kaballat Shabbat Services, etc.
- Board members prioritized their individual top 3-4 in a round-table discussion
- Rena suggested that we share with the community the Board's top three priorities when we finalize them

4.2 Yahrzeit Plaque return protocol

Rena Garshowitz

- Rena explained the protocol
- A suggestion was made by Rena to put an ad in Ottawa Jewish Bulletin to tell non-members about the 3-month window for plaque pick-up
- Rabbi Zuker said that the announcement for plaque pick-up should be made during High Holidays from the pulpit
- Ilana suggested that an article, rather than an ad, be written for the bulletin and that article could be published in various shuls' bulletins

4.3 February Board meeting date

Judah Silverman

- February 20th date has been moved to February 13th, 2020

4.4 Other business raised by any Director

None

5.0 REPORTING WITHOUT DISCUSSION OR VOTE

5.1 Life & Legacy update

Judah Silverman

- Norm reported about Federation's involvement with the Greenspon initiative
- Interest will benefit the individual organizations
- Team has been established. They will prepare an action plan
- Discussion ensued about what percentage of our shul's revenue should be generated by endowments
- Committee Chair will be Howard Cohen. Harvey Slack, Rena Garshowitz, and Judah Silverman will comprise the committee
- 20 prospects is the first step. Mid 40's to late 50's are the target for the promise and pledge

5.2 Bequest Information

Judah Silverman

- We received a significant bequest from Dr. Irving Soloway. "The Harry Soloway Breakfast Fund" will be the name of this new fund.
- Monies will be placed into OJCF and we will use the interest accrued

5.3 Other business raised by any Director

None.

6.0 IN CAMERA

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:30pm