

**Kehillat Beth Israel
Board of Directors
February 28, 2019
Simcha Room
Minutes**

Present:

Ilana Albert-Novick
Jodi Gitter
Harvey Slack

Jay Amdur
Stuart McCarthy
Eric Weiner

Mordechai Brodt
Kivi Shapiro
Helen Zipes

Secretary:

Jonathan Meijer

Clergy Present:

Rabbi Eytan Kenter
Cantor Jason Green

Staff Present:

Rena Garshowitz

Guest Present:

Jackie Luffman

Regrets:

Lorne Goldstein
Harland Tanner

Joel Sachs
Rabbi Deborah Zuker

Judah Silverman

1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order and Welcome

Helen Zipes

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM.

1.2 Special presentation on behalf of the Youth Working Group

Jackie Luffman

(Please see the presentation in **Appendix A.**)

1.3 Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Helen Zipes

None of the members present declared any conflict of interest.

1.4 D'var Torah

Rabbi Kenter

- 1.5 Moment of Silence to commemorate those congregants who have passed away since the last Board meeting** **Helen Zipes**

Eric-Arne Bolling

Joyce Miller

Belle Gitterman

Elie Paroli

Pauline Hochberg

Charlotte Shainbaum

Armin Klein

John Thera

Sydney Kronick

Eleanor Torontow

- 1.6 Approval of the Agenda of February 28, 2019** **Helen Zipes**

A motion was made by Harvey Slack and seconded by Stuart McCarthy to approve the agenda.

The motion was carried.

- 1.7 Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors for January** **Jonathan Meijer**

A motion was made by Jonathan Meijer and seconded by Jay Amdur to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors for the meeting held on January 17, 2018.

The motion was carried.

- 1.8 Business arising from Minutes or submitted reports** **Helen Zipes**

No business arose.

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 to the Board.

(Please find the written statement in **Appendix B.**)

- 2.2 Monthly Financial Statement (December 2018)** **Jay Amdur**

Jay presented the Financial report for December 2018.

(Please find the statement in **Appendix C.**)

As a result of knowing that investments will generate a minimum of 3.25% rate of return, that amount was added as project income in the financial report.

2.3 Budget Planning update and review

Jay Amdur

Jay reminded the Board members that all committees and working groups should be actively working on preparing their budgets for next fiscal year. If a named fund will be used as an expected source of funds, Jay asked that it be referenced in the committee's or working group's budget submission. Jay can circulate a list of funds that are available for use.

Stuart added that committee and working group chairs should specify not just expenses but also revenue (e.g. cost recovery in the form of participation cost).

3.0 REPORTING OPTIONS WITH DISCUSSION AND VOTE

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

No other business was raised.

4.0 REPORTING WITH DISCUSSION BUT WITHOUT VOTE

4.1 Vaccine statement update

Rena Garshowitz

Rena mentioned the discussion from a previous Board meeting, and that we wanted to issue a pro-science statement letting shul attendees know that the shul is a pro-vaccine space, with particular consideration for immunocompromised attendees.

Helen said that she had spoken to the shul's lawyer and that there was no legal issue with issuing such a statement. Lorne will take a first shot at writing a statement.

4.2 Other business raised by any Director

No other business was raised.

5.0 REPORTING WITHOUT DISCUSSION OR VOTE

5.1 Building our Future

Eric Weiner

Eric stated that the Building our Future working group has consulted with fundraising experts, one of which is a KBI member. The working group will take a step back and plan well before taking the next step, because they are not quite ready yet.

The possibility of selling land has been thoroughly explored and Eric presented the most lucrative option.

Multiple members asked about options allowing KBI to retain an interest in the surplus land. Eric replied that while there are such options, the KBI Board is not a real estate management board, and the best monetary value resides in selling.

Kivi suggested that the leasing of the land could be managed by a lease management company. Eric and Helen said they would look into it.

Helen reminded the Board that nothing is going ahead until approval is obtained by the Board and then the congregation (through a Special General Meeting).

5.2 Other business raised by any Director

Helen reported that, since the last board meeting, Betsy Rigal and Jane Ehrenworth Shore have resigned as Directors of the Board.

The Nomination Committee will be making recommendations to fill in the positions.

6.0 IN CAMERA

7.0 NEXT MEETING – Thursday March 28th, 2019 6:30 PM

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Jonathan Meijer, Secretary

Date of approval

APPENDICES

The following appendices follow this page, in order:

- Appendix A: Special presentation from the Youth Working Group
- Appendix B: Statement respecting the status of staff salaries and remittances to the government
- Appendix C: Financial report for December 2018