

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 27, 2010 MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT INTERNET VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONGREGATION ANSHEI ISRAEL

Present: President Madeline Friedman, 1st Vice-President Dan Jurkowitz, Secretary/Treasurer Paul Kahn, Immediate Past President Vicki Pepper, Life Trustee John Gellman, Life Trustee Chuck Whitehill, Past President David Polan, Past President Ron Gray, Past President Steve Spitzer, Richard Fink, Kathy Hays, Allen Langer, Mary Marcus, Ron Meyerson, Dawn Moriarty, Gary Windham. Clergy/Staff: Rabbi Eisen, Finance Director Bob Dietz Guests: Phil Pepper, MeMe Aguila.

Not Present: Marc Goldsen, Peter Saxton, Tamir Weiner

- President Madeline Friedman called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.
- Approval of minutes. Motion and 2nd to approve the minutes as submitted from the November meeting and subsequent Internet vote, and the Special Meeting on December 12th passed unanimously.
- Klay Kodesh Report. Rabbi Eisen delivered a D'var Torah and reported that we will have Neshama Carlebach as scholar-in-residence in December, 2011. We will attempt to partner with the Fox Theater for a concert on Saturday night as well. Board members should attend Reshet workshops on January 31st (leadership development) from 6-9 and February 1st (committee chair boot camp) from 8-10:30. The Jewish Community Foundation is honoring Enid and Mel Zuckerman on January 18th.
- President's Report. President Madeline Friedman reported that Women's League provided \$20,000 to change the floors in the classrooms over winter break. Thanks go to Marianne Langer and Evelyn Sigafus. Rabbi Gludt submitted a letter of resignation. She has requested an honorary membership with the synagogue for the next year. A motion and 2nd to waive membership fees for the Gludt family for 2011-2012 passed unanimously. Thanks go to Rosie and Paul Kahn for hosting the Shomrim event. Committee members should be advised to attend Reshet programs. Diane Katz has been recommended by Stu Mellan as a candidate to run the Special Membership meeting. A motion and 2nd to approve hiring Diane Katz passed with three nay votes.
- 80th Anniversary. MeMe Aguila reported that \$5000 worth of ads had been sold. There is a hard deadline of January 20th to sell further ads. The target budget is to net \$50,000.
- Finance Committee. Secretary/Treasurer Paul Kahn submitted a financial report. A motion and 2nd to require preschool and religious school attendees to either pay tuition up front, provide a credit card, or authorize auto-debit, with the possibility of special consideration in particular financial circumstances, passed unanimously.
- Membership. Chair Mary Marcus discussed the effect of the non-renewal of Cantor Lichterman's contract. More town hall type meetings will be held with the membership. Greeters at services have been well received. Zip code parties will be held on March 27th. A service in the Northwest led by Cantor Lichterman was held on December 10th with 35 people attending. The next service will be January 7th.
- Nominating Committee. Chair Dan Jurkowitz reported that the committee is recommending the appointment of Richard Fink to the vacant 2nd Vice-President position and an invitation to Jane Kivel to serve as a Life Trustee. A motion and 2nd to approve the recommendations passed unanimously.
- Renewal Committee. Renewal Ritual Committee Chair Dan Jurkowitz presented the committee's recommendations to: 1. Establish a congregant lead d'var torah during Shabbat morning services, 2. Establish

a learner's minyan on Shabbat morning running parallel to sanctuary services for 5-6 weeks as recommended in the 2003 Strategic Plan, 3. Establish a ruach-centered Friday night service (e.g. Friday Night Live, Fourth Friday, etc.) perhaps incorporating musical instruments until the start of Shabbat as recommended in the 2003 Strategic Plan, and 4. create a Ritual Advisory Committee to work collaboratively with the clergy to provide review and input into services. The committee would report to the SLC and be initially chaired by Howard Schwartz. A motion and 2nd to adopt the recommendations passed unanimously. Reports from the Renewal Membership and Facility Committees were also provided, but will be followed up with at a later time. Another Special Membership meeting will be called to seek further input on the specific initiatives for the Board to adopt and reports will be placed on the website for review.

- Executive Session. The Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

- Synagogue Life Council. Chair Mary Marcus reported that the Latkes & Vodkas event on December 11th was attended by 47 people.

- JCF Areivim Program. Past President Vicki Pepper reported that Anshei has received a 2-year grant for \$18,000 for our legacy endowment program.

- Religious School Task Force. Kathy Hays reported that Rabbi Gludt presented the curriculum and the idea is to reduce religious school from 3 days per week to 2 days per week, but increase the total time in school by 30 minutes. Parents will be offered an opportunity to purchase textbooks for home use. Parents also prefer to have direct emails from teachers rather than updates through the blog format.

- Kathy Hays had volunteered to serve as a corresponding secretary for life cycle events on behalf of the Board.

- Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

On December 31, 2010, the Board voted by email to approve a recommendation from the Nominating Committee to appoint Keith Singer and Eric Spitzer to fill the unexpired terms of the vacancies created by the resignation of Monica Rudner and the appointment of Richard Fink to 2nd Vice-President.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Jurkowitz