

Synagogue Life Council
Minutes March 14, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE: Ed Berger, Rosie Eilat-Kahn, Madeline Friedman, Anna Greenberg, Kathy Hays, Renee Hulsey, Mary Marcus, Howard Schwartz, Evelyn Sigafus

STAFF: Rabbi Eisen, Lynne Falkow-Strauss, Rabbi Gludt, Linda Roy

GUEST: Jerry Barkan

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. February 14th minutes reviewed and accepted.
Opening prayer read by Ed Berger.

Recent Board Activities

Madeline Friedman

- Reviewed finances involved with the 80th Anniversary Celebration; raised approximately \$23,000, which was short of original goal.
- Areivim Legacy Program in full swing and should help planning for our financial future.
- Renewal Round Tables held proved to be a success.
- The Board will look into ramping Bimah for handicapped accessibility.
- Update of search efforts
 1. There are a number of qualified candidates being considered.
 2. Education Director/Liturgical Coordinator – there are a number of challenges given that the Cantor has lodged a grievance against the congregation with the Cantor’s Assembly which precluded our solicitation of any cantors for that position.
- Ritual Advisory Task Force Report given by Howard Schwartz. Minutes of the February meeting presented to and reviewed by SLC.
 1. There is a desire for a RUACH filled Friday evening service; frequency to be decided.
 2. There was a request for a Learner’s Minyan which would run parallel to the main service on Saturday morning.
 3. There was a request to produce a DVD of our Saturday morning service so people could become more familiar with the service at home.
 4. Program in process to include volunteers to lead introduction to Torah reading each Saturday morning (Meturgaman Program).
 5. Howard reported on his discussions at the Renewal Round Table (3/13). Concerns revolved primarily around services, especially that they be more participatory. Other areas that were discussed will be dealt with as the Renewal process continues to unfold.

Klay Kodesh and Staff Reports

Rabbi Gludt

- Volunteers still needed for Truck Festival on April 3.
- Religious School staffing is picking up.
- Religious School discussed the tragedy in Japan. The students decided, of their own initiative, to make a Tzedeka box and place it at the Purim Carnival to solicit donations in support of the recovery effort.

Linda Roy

- Spoke about Purim Carnival. Many games, food will be available.
- Kadima having a very special final program.

Lynne Falkow-Strauss (report from Rabbi Eisen)

- Preschool sponsoring 3-week session of Love & Logic® for parents.
- End-of-year student conferences being planned.
- The Parent-Tot Class resuming enabling families to become more familiar with the school.
- Summer camp program being prepared. Will not only be the regular program but a Special Needs program as well.

Rabbi Eisen

- Reviewed service end schedule of our Purim observance.
- There is list of those in congregation in their 20s and 30s. We have edited the list once and will be doing so again and hopefully seeing how we can help them plan programming to meet their needs.
- A list of those who might be considered boomers has been produced. We will be looking for people to help us create “BoomerRang” activities.

Old Business

- Passover call lists handed out. The remainder of the names will be handed out to the Board.

New Business

- A Library Committee will be formed to help get the library up and functioning.
- At the Renewal Round Table on 3/13 several people came forward concerning how to improve our adult education program. Those names will be called for a chair and a committee will be formed which will report to the SLC.

Membership Committee

- Zip code party invitations are out. RSVPs are coming in.

Affiliate Reports

Seniors

- Rabbi Eisen and Barb Neuman met with Seniors’ leadership. A survey was prepared and sent out. Based on returns from that survey, we hope to be able to help them improve their programming.

Women’s League

- An Esther’s Banquet is being prepared for March 23.
- Closing brunch planned for June 5 with fashion show at Skyline Country Club.

Social Action

- Religious School needs to collect 175 boxes of matzah for Passover this year.

We continue to need greeters for Shabbat. Anyone interested is asked to sign up.