

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONGREGATION ANSHEI ISRAEL**

Present: President Madeline Friedman (telephonically), 1st Vice-President Dan Jurkowitz, 2nd Vice-President Richard Fink, Immediate Past President Vicki Pepper, Life Trustee John Gellman, Life Trustee Jane Kivel, Life Trustee Steve Spitzer, Life Trustee Chuck Whitehill, Past President Ron Gray, Jennifer Cassius, Tedd Goldfinger, Jonathan Green, Allen Langer, Mary Marcus, Ron Meyerson. Staff: Rabbi Robert Eisen, Rabbi Ben Herman, Executive Director Michael Landy.

Not Present: Secretary/Treasurer Paul Kahn, Marc Goldsen, Dawn Moriarty, Keith Singer, Eric Spitzer.

- Vice-President Dan Jurkowitz called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.
- Immediate Past President Dan Asia submitted his resignation. Per Art. VIII, Section 3 of the Bylaws, as Dan was never installed, Immediate Past President Vicki Pepper's term in office is extended until her next successor is duly elected and installed.
- Approval of minutes. Motion and 2nd to approve the minutes as submitted from the June 20, 2011 meeting, June 27, 2011 meeting and subsequent Internet votes appointing Richard Fink as Chair of the Nominating Committee and Ron Meyerson and Howard Schwartz as members of the Nominating Committee passed unanimously.
- High Holiday Appeal. Five parlor meetings scheduled to encourage Shomrei giving. The Greens, Gans, Friedmans, Goldfingers, Brina Grusin and Jane Kivel have all volunteered to host. The meetings will start September 7. A discussion was held regarding Kol Nidre tickets for individual appeals.
- Klay Kodesh Report. Rabbi Eisen delivered a D'Var Torah and reported that a High Holiday kollel will be held for three weeks. High Holy Day preparations are on track. The meturgeman program is being well received. The video camera in the sanctuary will be replaced in the next few weeks. It will be possible in the future, to upgrade the camera to stream video over the Internet. Life Trustees will be honored at Selihot services. A number of families in the preschool and religious school have left the community due to jobs going elsewhere. Efforts are being made to reach out to boomers and seniors. Rabbi Herman was welcomed and he discussed preparations for the coming educational year.
- President's Report. Vice-President Dan Jurkowitz reported that the Board retreat will be September 18 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at a location TBA.
- Executive Director's Report. Michael Landy reported that he has assumed supervision over the maintenance staff and has instituted an administrative staff meeting. An emphasis is being placed on customer service and staff are being asked to read *Raving Fans* by Blanchard and Bowles. Plans for the Spring fundraiser are progressing. A proposal to ask congregants to accept flyers, the *Kolenu*, and Jewry duty notices by e-mail to save postage was presented and endorsed by the Board. Estimated savings are almost \$8,000. Other mailings may be added as the program progresses.
- Areivim. Immediate Past President Vicki Pepper will have an article in the next *Kolenu*. Five families have made a funded commitment since January.

- Dues/Finance/Membership. We are on pace to meet the projected 10% reduction in membership. The Dues Committee and Board members are making calls to congregants to renew. Fiscal year 2011 closed better than budgeted.
- Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee presented its recommendations to fill the vacancy on the Board. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Jami Gan to fill the remainder of Pete Saxton's term until 2013.
- Synagogue Life Council. Chair Mary Marcus reported that there will be a Welcome Back Party on August 28. Dave Karp, Kathy Hays and Gary Windham have joined the SLC. More outreach will be done to reach interfaith families. Shir Hadash, a more participatory and music-oriented Friday night service lead by Emily Ellentuck will start on August 19.
- House & Grounds Committee. Vice-President Richard Fink reported that the air conditioning replacement project has gone out to bid. The plans for the bimah ramp are ADA compliant.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Jurkowitz