

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 29, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONGREGATION ANSHEI ISRAEL**

Present: 1st Vice-President Dan Jurkowitz, Immediate Past President Vicki Pepper, Life Trustee John Gellman, Life Trustee Jane Kivel, Life Trustee Chuck Whitehill, Past President Phil Bregman, Jennifer Cassius, Jami Gan, Tedd Goldfinger, Marc Goldsen, Jonathan Green, Allen Langer, Mary Marcus, Ron Meyerson. Staff: Rabbi Robert Eisen, Rabbi Ben Herman, Executive Director Michael Landy.

Not Present: President Madeline Friedman, 2nd Vice-President Richard Fink, Secretary/Treasurer Paul Kahn, Life Trustee Steve Spitzer, Dawn Moriarty, Keith Singer, Eric Spitzer.

- Vice-President Dan Jurkowitz called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.
- Jami Gan was welcomed back to the Board.
- Approval of minutes. Motion and 2nd to approve the minutes as submitted from the August 1, 2011 meeting passed unanimously.
- Klay Kodesh Report. Rabbi Eisen delivered a D'Var Torah and asked the Board to make High Holy Day phone calls. The Welcome Back Party was a success and kudos go to Barb Neuman for her efforts. The High Holy Days Kolliel is averaging around 30 people. At Selihot, the Life Trustees will be honored and bricks for the Brick Garden have been purchased in their honor. A Family Israel Trip is being worked on for June 16, 2012. A brochure welcoming interfaith families was presented.
- Financial Report. Executive Director Michael Landy presented the financial statement. A revised financial statement with more detail will be presented at future meetings. Michael and Immediate Past President Vicki Pepper will be meeting with the Jewish Foundation regarding fund management and Areivim.
- President's Report. Vice-President Dan Jurkowitz reiterated that the Board retreat will be September 18 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at a location TBA. Caffeinated coffee is being introduced at events to be more welcoming to younger demographics. A motion to appoint committees and committee chairs, and delegate certain committees to the Synagogue Life Council was tabled. A second motion to appoint the following committees and committee chairs passed:
 - House & Grounds: Co-Chairs Jacques Gerstenfeld & David Plotkin
 - Cemetery: Chair Tedd Goldfinger
 - Art: Chair Eleanor Jeck
 - Human Resources: Chair Phil Pepper
 - Bylaws: Chair Dan Jurkowitz
 - Nominating: Chair Richard Fink
 - Past Presidents Council: Chair Phil Bregman
 - Gifts & Trusts: Chair Allen Langer
 - Legacy: Chair Vicki Pepper
 - Leadership Development: Chair Vicki Pepper
 - Finance: Chair Paul Kahn
 - Dues: Co-Chairs John Gellman & Jami Gan
 - Fundraising: Chair Meme Aguila
 - Synagogue Life Council: Chair Mary Marcus

•High Holiday Appeal. Ron Meyerson reported that pledge increases of \$250 or more will be matched by a donor. Calls will be made to ask certain individuals to increase their pledges. All Board members are expected to attend one of the scheduled parlor meetings.

•Executive Director's Report. Michael Landy reported that the rolling door between the sanctuary and Rabbi Breger Hall, and the irrigation system are being repaired.

•Congregational Learning Report. Rabbi Herman reported that the Religious School teachers attended both a community and in-house in-service. A Facebook page is being started for Religious School families and registration is up. Rabbi Herman met with the teachers and parents on the first day of Religious School. The B'nai Mitzvah program started with services in the chapel and sanctuary on Saturday mornings and class on Mondays.

•Synagogue Life Council. Chair Mary Marcus reported that the Welcome Back Party went well. Also, the new Friday night service, Shir Hadash, was a success. A new members Shabbat lunch is scheduled for September 17. Eight new membership units have joined in the last month. Welcome baskets will be given to the new members. A new advertising campaign was discussed. A new brochure for interfaith families was distributed. The Adult Education Committee has begun meeting, a Library Committee is being formed, as well as a Youth Advisory Committee. A "Boomer" Connection group will replace the Couples Connection.

•Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Jurkowitz