

Chadeish Yameinu
Board of Director Meeting
December 16, 2007
7:00 PM Aptos Fire Station

Minutes

Attending Board Members: Howie Schneider (President); Batya Kagan; Jan Leininger (Treasurer); George Lewis (Secretary); Barbara Nicoara; Joe Katzman; Jillian Aronstam; Rabbi Eli Cohen

Opening Nigun - Rabbi Eli

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting of November 4, 2007 were approved as submitted.

Membership Report

It was reported that with current renewals, we have 85 member families. Significant interest has been expressed by families attending recent celebrations of bar and bat mitzvah.

Financial Report

Jan gave a financial report. Income and expenses are both ahead of projections. Total income at 72% of annual budget, expenses at 55% of annual budget.. 2006/07 income for last 6 months of fiscal year was greater than amount needed to meet this years budget goals. A brief report was given on the needs assessment survey.. Only 10 replies have been received so far. Highest interest in Shabbat services, Adult Ed, and High Holidays.

Insurance

No further information on insurance.

Events Calendaring

A Tu B'shvat event for January 27 of habitat restoration at Elkhorn Slough was discussed.. There was also discussion of a Native Plant presentation. Joe and Batya will further discuss the events. Concern expressed that event not conflict with Reb Lori's scholar talk on January 27.

Purim celebration with Temple Beth El on March 20.

It was decided to create a 3 month schedule in calendar format that can be placed in the newsletter in order that members may better keep track of events.

High Holidays

Reb Eli gave full report of comments on High Holidays services, including comments from the committee. The committee will consider comments when planning for next years event..

New Space feedback and issues

Positive: Adequate room for sitting and dancing, great oneg room, more smoozing.

Negative: Humming lights, less intimate feeling, hard to get to

Scheduling Board Member retreat

Put on January agenda

Fund Raising

Request Akindele attend January board meeting to discuss his proposal for fashion show.

Adding Board Members

Additional board members will help bring in new ideas and spread the load. Need committed members.

Encouraging New Members

Jillian will host a new members social on March 16th All new members since first of fiscal year will be invited. Jillian will coordinate with Shira to obtain new member names and contact information.

School Communication

No new report

Spring 2008 ALEPH Leadership Summit

Howie will contact Shira to determine if she can attend. If not Batya will be designated representative.

Town Hall Meetings

Meetings to be changed to social gathering with Board

South: No meeting scheduled.

Central: February 3 at home of Janice Rose

West: To be scheduled.

. Batya will coordinate.

Global warming social action project.

The board approved the social action project to encourage our members to individually take actions in their daily lives which will reduce their contribution to global warming. Suggested actions include:

1. Engage in an ongoing process of education with our members concerning environmental stewardship, energy production and usage in relation to global warming.
2. Encourage members to conduct an energy audit of their homes and businesses to identify sources of energy waste and the potential financial savings of energy related improvements.
3. Encourage members to make energy efficiency improvements to our homes and businesses.
4. Encourage members to utilize renewable energy by purchasing green power, installing solar panels, or contributing to a wind turbine fund.
5. Encourage members to analyze, reduce, and offset our green house gas emissions with the goal of becoming non-polluting
6. Encourage members to support public policies that contribute to these goals.

Placing new emphasis on "Tree of Life"

A new special action to encourage the "Tree of Life" will be held in conjunction with the Sufi Dance Shabbat in June. Batya suggested and Jillian will investigate the potential to have the members create ceramic leaves to add to the wall near the tree at the Garden.

Payment for substitute Rabbi during Rabbi Eli's vacation.

Board encouraged the use of member led services with occasional paid Rabbi rather than all paid Rabbis. Contact will be made with those who have led services in the past, and the item will be discussed at the January meeting of the Board.

Direct Deposit

Potential members have requested the ability to pay dues by means of automatic deductions from their checking account. Jan will investigate how and if this can be accomplished.

List serve/email issues

A full report will be presented by Joe and Michael at the January meeting..

Agenda for the January Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is January 20, 2008. Various agenda items were presented for the Secretary to prepare an agenda

Closing Nigun - Eli