

Chadeish Yameinu  
Board of Director Meeting  
July 20, 2008  
Aptos Fire Station

Minutes

Attending Board Members: Batya Kagan; George Lewis (Secretary); Barbara Nicoara; Jan Leininger (Treasurer); Joe Katzman; Rabbi Eli Cohen  
Absent Board Members: Howie Schneider (President) Also Present: Michael Yosef

Opening Nigun - Reb Eli

Barbara Nicoara presided over the meeting in the absence of the president.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting of June 15, 2008 were approved.

Membership Report:

It was reported that the school sent out their enrollment information for the coming year with the old dues structure information. The Board voted to send out a letter advising those on the school mailing list that the schools letter was sent out during a transition period and requesting consideration of an increased contribution. Joe volunteered to write the letter, and Shira has volunteered to coordinate with the school to get the letter mailed.

A motion was made to request that the annual dues letter to the community be sent out by the end of July if possible.

Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financials for the past year and the proposed budget for the coming year. The general fund losses for last year were Approximately \$8,800. Projecting last years contributions, along with maintaining current programs except for the program coordinators services gave a budget deficit of over \$9000 for the coming year. The Board spent much of the meeting discussing how to cut costs, while maintaining an acceptable level of service. The board voted to make the following reduction in expenses/service.

1. Pay Aleph dues on only those members who pay the minimum recommended dues.
2. Reduce the number of newsletter issues to 3 per year.
3. Reduce the Friday night Shabbat services to the First and Third Fridays. **This reduction has been delayed until the end of the December to see if a sponsorship program that does not take away from normal contributions will work.**

These changes reduce our projected deficit for the year to just under \$6000. The budget will be reviewed as of December to reevaluate our financial position.

Insurance

Applications are being prepared for insurance for the coming year.

School Communications

Howie was authorized to sign the rental contract for the school at the First

Congregational Church.

Rabbi Contract Renewal

The Board issued a reminder to Howie regarding coordinating the negotiations for Reb Eli's contract renewal.

Fall Services:

Fall Services will begin with a service on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Garden

The board voted to confirm the vote of the community to have services at the First Congregational Church on the second and third Shabbat each month

Membership for those unable to pay full dues:

CY has always maintained the position that we welcome all, and will not restrict membership to those who are financially able to pay recommended dues. Shira has always had the leeway to negotiate with those who wish to be members, but cannot pay. The board directed Shira to request those who cannot pay to provide a specific volunteer commitment which will be communicated to the volunteer coordinator in order to utilize their talents when needed.

Utilizing Matching fund Grant:

The Board has received a \$500 matching fund grant offer from Herb and Lil Safran to sponsor a scholar in residence program in the fall. The Board accepted the offer and will encourage members of the community donate to a matching fund.

Shabbat Service Sponsorship:

The board defined a shabbat sponsorship as being the sacred space rental fee plus the evening oneg. Persons wishing to sponsor a shabbat should contact Batya for scheduling. Shabbat sponsorship should be over and above normal dues and donations.

Thank you to Aptos Fire Station:

The board voted to send \$50 to the Aptos Fire Station as a thank you for using their facilities for the year. The monies will be for a fund to train proper installation of child seats in cars. Reb Eli volunteered to make the donation from his discretionary funds.

House Party Fund raisers

A house party fund raiser is scheduled for August 23, 2008. Emails will be going out soon. Klesmer Band Concert

It was reported a net of \$650 was realized from the Klesmer Band Concert. Thank you to Michelle and her band for all of the hard work and the good time.

Agenda for the August Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is August 17, 2008. Various agenda items were presented for the Secretary to prepare an agenda

The following items were not considered at this Board meeting due to no new information or lack of time:

Events Calendaring

Encouraging New Members

Adding Board Members

Mission Statement

Fashion Show Report

List Serve/email issues

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM