

Chadeish Yameinu
Board of Director Meeting
March 16, 2008
Aptos Fire Station

Minutes

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

Also Present: Michael Yosef, Jeanne Rosen, Debra Sloss

Opening Nigun - Howie Scheider

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting of February 17, 2008 were approved. An email will be posted on the list serve when the minutes of the past Board Meeting are placed on the web.

Membership Report: No Report

Financial Report

A financial report prepared by Jan was received by the Board. A discussion was held on a method to transmit financial information to members. Jan will put together a concise financial report to transmit to members on a regular basis. There is a need to raise approximately \$4500 additional over anticipated income by the end of the fiscal year to break even. Membership dues are anticipated to be down for the year along with High Holiday donations. Expenses are up for High Holidays, as well as for Aleph dues.

Insurance:

No new information available. Will look to evaluate new policy when current policy expires.

Events Calendaring

Joe will pursue placing announcements of our happenings on the events calendar in the local newspapers on a regular basis.

Board Member retreat:

The Board member retreat was rescheduled for April 24th 6-9:30 PM at the home of Jan Leininger and Joe Katzman.

School Communication:

Debra Sloss representing the school was present at the meeting. She indicated the prospects for the school were great for the coming year with a good number of b'nai mitzah students, and new prelearn students planning to attend. A discussion was held with regard to the need to find a new facility for the school, with a number of alternative locations presented. Debra will investigate potential new locations.

List Serve/email:

We have people who like to see what other people are doing, and love the list serve, while others are concerned about how political it is. Members have an

alternative of only being on the event list serve, and not receiving all of the non CY related messages. Howie did not post an etiquette reminder, but will after the beginning of April.

Encouraging New Members

The new member social was canceled in that the new members were not able to attend. A future event will be planned.

Fashion Show Report:

The structure of the event is solidifying. 10% of the profits will be given to other non profits in order to broaden our base of support for the event in the community. No suitable venue has been found. Assistance in finding a venue is encouraged.

Adding Board Members:

Board members are watching for community members who would be interested in serving on the Board of Directors. No candidates currently being considered.

Town Hall Meeting:

A brief report was given on the February 3rd meeting. The second meeting on March 2nd at the home of Michael Yosef was attended by only 2 members. Some of the concerns coming from these meetings are being dealt with by the Board with consideration of relocating our services from the Center for Conscious Living, and improving our communication with the membership. The comments from the town hall meetings will be one of the agenda items at the Board Retreat in April.

Evaluation of Location of Shabbat Services.

The Board is soliciting membership input on the Shabbat space as Batya drafts a letter to the members regarding the Board's consideration of the opportunity to have all 4 of our Shabbat services (First 3 Friday Evening and 2nd Saturday morning) at the Fireside room of the First Congregational Church on High Street.

Passover Seder

The Sedar is planned for the First Congregational Church starting at 6 PM on April 20, 2008. The Haggadah committee is making good progress. Rose Lobel has volunteered to coordinate food. The meal will be potluck, with CY providing ritual foods and wine.

New emphasis on Tree of Life:

Currently waiting on response from potters.

Direct Deposit:

We can currently do it, but is difficult. Alternatives will be investigated.

Purim Participation: No further report

Participation with COPA: No new information

Health Insurance Policy for Rabbi Eli.

Eli reported he has applied for coverage through HIPAA, a State program for those unable to obtain insurance.

Report on CY/Temple Beth El fund raiser with Reb Arne.

A net profit of \$500 was split between the two congregations.

CY South and Other Home Shabbat. Future Discussion

Discussion of Co-Sponsorship Policy. Future Discussion

Gift From Safrans for Scholar Visit

Reb Eli's relatives, the Safrans have offered to match funding up to \$500 for a Scholar in Residence program. The Board voted to accept the offer for next year, and attempt to get a matching grant locally.

Review of Program Coordinators Services.

Batya reported that she has recently taken other part time employment, but expects to be able to keep up with her basic work for CY.

Additional Fund Raisers.

A local Klesmer Band has rented the Cayuga Vault for the evening of May 24th, and is offering CY the opportunity to be a sponsor for 80% of the take over the \$300 rent. The band is recommended by Michelle and Eliahu as being very good. The Board asked Batya to determine who was responsible for the rent, in case of poor turnout, and get references as to their quality. The Board approved the sponsorship if the band is responsible for the rent and the references are good.

Howie reported that Shira has offered to coordinate multi themed fund raising house parties. The Board looks forward to working with Shira in developing these fundraisers and is very thankful for members like Shira who come forward with great ideas to help Chadeish Yamienu.

Agenda for the March Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is April 13, 2008. Various agenda items were presented for the Secretary to prepare an agenda

Closing Nigun - Eli