

Chadeish Yameinu  
Board of Director Meeting  
November 4, 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; Rabbi Eli Cohen; Absent: Jillian Aronstam; Community Members: Michael Yosef, Michelle Newman

Opening Nigun - Michelle Newman

Addition to Agenda: Social action project

Michelle Newman presented a proposal for CY to take on a social action project to combat global warming. The proposal would be 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.

The Board voted to consider the project and place it on the December Board agenda for final action.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting of October 21, 2007 were approved as submitted.

Membership Report

It was reported that with current renewals, we have 74 member families with paid dues. Including 5 new member families this fiscal year. The Board wishes to give a sincere thank you to Shira for her ongoing amazing work with regard to membership.

Financial Report

Jan gave a financial report stating our actuals are ahead of projected in both income and expenses, mainly due to High Holidays providing extra income, but also extra expenses.

Insurance

No further information on insurance.

Events Calendaring

Hanakkuh will include a Friday Shabbat service and a Saturday service and celebration

Tu B'shvat suggestions include a Native Plant presentation, celebration of 4 native fruits representing the 4 worlds

A special night with Rabbi Arnie from Detroit is tentatively set for February 16, 2008

Reb Lori's scholar talks are scheduled for January 27, February 24, and March 23, 2008.

## High Holidays

Brief discussion of High Holidays with full report in December. Comments include feeling Reb Eli did not lead enough of the services. Committee needs to have someone handling the service planning, and someone taking care of logistics. It may be appropriate to have 2 committees. Need emphasis on encouraging attendees to become members, and to do more advertising.

## List serve/email issues

Work needs to be done to avoid non member posting on CY list serve. Discussion of changing listserve to Google, and if we can move our website. Joe and Michael will investigate.

Discussion as to making it easier for Moderator to send out postings with attachments.

## Needs Assessment

A brief review of the needs assessment postcard for the newsletter was made. Jan was given direction to proceed with the postcard for the newsletter.

## ALEPH Executive Director visit.

The Board proposed to meet with Debra Kolodny, Executive Director of ALEPH, at 8PM on November 26, 2007 at Howie's house for a training session. A number of suggested topics have been discussed, and will be finalized prior to the meeting. .

## New Space feedback and issues

A brief discussion was held on the new space. Needs: to find rugs which are portable and do not slip. Pluses: room to move and dance, adequate room for Torah celebration, people lingering longer, separate oneg room, flexibility in setup.. Minuses: humming of lights when dimmed, farther for some to come. Attendance: Similar to Garden. .

## School Communication

No new report.

## Spring 2008 ALEPH Leadership Summit

The Board discussed the who to send as our representative to ALEPH leadership training .The Board voted to invite Shira to represent us because of her total involvement in our community, and ability to obtain and bring back value to our operation. If Shira is unable to attend, Batya will be asked to attend.

## Town Hall Meetings

Request for hosts:

South: February 3

Central: February 24, backup January 27

West: March 9, backup March 3

. Reb Eli and Howie will coordinate.

## Discretionary Funds

Discussion of Discretionary funds, and the advertising that they are available for giving for special purposes. Concern was expressed that it is necessary that any giving to these funds needs to be over and above the normal giving to the general fund. The general fund is necessary to be the top priority in giving to pay the every day operation of the congregation.

## Agenda for the November Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is December 16, 2007. Various agenda items were presented for the Secretary to prepare an agenda

Closing Nigun - Eli