

**Chadeish Yameinu
Board of Directors Meeting
18 November 2009
7:00PM Aptos Fire Station
Minutes**

Attending Board Members: Howie Schneider (President), Batya Kagan (Vice President), Michael Yosef Robinson (Secretary), Rabbi Yitzhak Miller, Shira Belford, Diane Brayman, Irene Reti, Rabbi Eli Cohen

Opening Nigun and Prayer – Rabbi Yitzhak Miller and Shira Belford

Previous Meeting's Minutes - Howie Schneider
Minutes approved with corrections

New Member Welcome - Howie Schneider
Welcome to new member Irene Reti

To Do from October Meeting

Action: High Holiday followup: Batya Kagan, Rabbi Eli Cohen, Michael Robinson

Result: First Letter Finished – New committee needs to be formed for 2nd letter. Howie, R'Eli, Michael, Batya will do mailing of 2nd letter in the next 2 weeks. Letters or other followup will only be made to those who have made no donations. Phone calls also being made– very helpful, but time-consuming.

Action: Board Job Descriptions : Shira Belford

Result: Board job descriptions have been acquired

Action: Business Listing on Website : Michael Robinson

Result: A draft resource listing was submitted to the Board. Michael will make sure site is ready for submissions. Board members will submit listings in the next week. Business resource will go live this month. An announcement about website update and new resource listing will be sent by Shira after Board approval. Maximum characters will be increased to 350.

Action: Rabbi Yitzhak Miller and Diane Brayman will meet with Rabbi Eli Cohen

Result: Date will be set tonight (Nov. 18) and report submitted week before next meeting (Dec. 16.)

Membership report: Shira Belford

CY currently has 90 members. Since last report, 1 person has changed status from donor to member. One additional member plus one donor gave a total of \$1225.

Treasurer Report : Rabbi Yitzhak Miller

\$17,000 total fundraising expected to be done over 2009-2010 year, which is what was raised during 2008-2009 year. At the start of this fiscal year, if there were no change from last year and fundraising remained equal CY would have been \$1500 in red; October's budget predictions pushed up into the black and November further improved outlook.

Current state of CY budget: Approximately 3000 in the black, assuming fundraising accomplished equal to 2008-2009 year.

School Budget: School committee concerned about ability to meet budget. The budget is well monitored and adjustments made to staff based on school program attendance --particularly Camp Shabbat.

Fundraising: Enneagram class brought \$350 income for CY.

Treasurer: R' Yitzhak Miller volunteers to cover budget aspect of Treasurer job, not bookkeeping-- however, this would come at expense of his work on fundraising and longrange planning. It was

suggested by R' Yitz to ask Tom Rooth to participate in fundraising discussion. Former Treasurer Jan Leininger will be willing to work with someone who steps in as treasurer.

Action: Rabbi Yitzhak Miller will fulfill treasurer duties for the next month. Two items will be put on December meeting agenda: fundraising and proposal to add two items advised for as soon as Board judges budget allow: Rabbi's travel and professional development and Administrative support.

Nametags : Rabbi Eli Cohen

Proposal to make nametags available at services and larger events. No estimate of cost or format.

Issues: People's reactions to nametags --would be a cultural shift. We also have limited storage space.

Also require add'l volunteer effort.

Action: None, idea will be kept in mind.

Volunteer Coordination : Shira Belford

Volunteer Coordinator Consuelo Juarez has page on lotsahelpinghands.com to organize CY volunteerism. Will send out email to list regarding volunteer needs, fill out volunteer form, she will do some volunteer matching. We will post on lotsahelpinghands.com page when we have a need. She has agreed to post monthly emails acknowledging and thanking volunteers. Email to Consuelo should add Volunteer Coordinator to subject lines.

Joint Seder : Rabbi Eli Cohen

Pastor of Circle Church has asked for interfaith seder on Maundy Thursday - 4th night of Pesach. Major commitment would be Rabbi Eli and some volunteers. Proposal for CY to cosponsor interfaith seder with Circle Church was passed with 2 abstentions.

Action: Rabbi Eli will pursue and report back.

Cruzybb.net Ad Exchange : Rabbi Eli Cohen

Offer to CY banner ad at top as long as we inform members about site. Send out to full list, possibly announcements list.

ACTION: Will be put out in weekly bulletin, highlighting that CY is featured in banner on new community bulletin board.

School Report: Rabbi Eli Cohen and Batya Kagan

Camp Shabbat committee met recently with Rabbi Eli. Has not generated many new people. Format is being rethought to more directly meet people's needs. Budget will be monitored - Camp Shabbat was intended as loss leader but financial success needs to be kept in mind. Batya Kagan is a new Camp Shabbat teacher.

Friday Family Shabbat: No attendance for Munchkin Minyan, but potluck and service well attended.

School : New B'nai teacher working very well. Not many new students, but this may just be community.

Board Meeting Schedule : Rabbi Yitzhak Miller

Board Meetings would continue to meet third Wednesday; Adult Ed will move to Tuesdays. Next meeting will be Wednesday 16 December.

Action: Somebody will contact Aptos Fire Station to reschedule .

Future Agenda Items

Fundraising

Budget Proposal: Administrative Support & Rabbi's professional development & travel

Rabbi's Contract Report

Upcoming Events sponsorship

The next Board meeting will be 7:00PM Wednesday, December 16 at Aptos Firestation.