

Chadeish Yameinu
Board of Director Meeting
October 21, 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 Member: Michael Yosef.

Opening Nigun - Reb Eli

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting of September 16, 2007 and the minutes of the Annual Membership meeting of September 9, 2007 were approved as submitted.

High Holiday Update

It was reported that 201 attended Erev Yom Kippur and 135 attended the services on Yom Kippur. The discussion on the High Holiday services and meeting place was deferred to the November meeting to allow more comment from those attending.

Membership Report

It was reported that with current renewals, we have 63 member families with paid dues. A full report will be requested from Shira at the November Board meeting. Batya will contact Shira.

Financial Report

Jan gave a financial report. A discussion was held as to the who pays for the Center for Conscious Living when a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is held on a Shabbaton service day. The Board decided that CY would pay our normal \$100 towards the rental, with the family paying any difference. All CY members are to be invited to the lunch, or it is to be announced as a potluck lunch.

Insurance

Jan has made contact with an Insurance Company recommended by ALEPH which will provide Liability, D&O and Pastoral Counseling coverage. Our current policy covers only Liability. She expects to have a quote by the next Board meeting.

Events Calendaring

The board decided to create an events calendar for the year, specifically calling out dates for various activities. As events are decided they will be placed on the calendar providing adequate time to plan. As part of the calendar, the Board decided: to hold a Tu B'shvat tree planting project on Sunday January 20, 2008 (time and location TBA) Suggestions for other Tu B'shvat activities are welcome; have a Scholar in Residence talk on Feb 9th at CCL with Howie Schneider by extending our Shabbat to a Shabbaton, and hold a community Passover Seder on April 20, 2008

Step It Up

The Board approved the participation of CY in Step It Up on November 3, 2007 in downtown Santa Cruz to support the effort to combat global warming. The event will be from 2-4PM in front of Bookshop Santa Cruz.

List serve/email issues

It was reported that Yahoo does not do virus checking on the group list serves, and therefore the use of attachments is a concern. There is a potential for group monitors to attach PDF flyers to the event list according to Shlomo. Howie and Eli will followup on how to accomplish this.

Needs Assessment

It was decided to do a short needs assessment via a post card in the newsletter. Something along the line of participants stating the 5 most important issues out of a list of 10 with the option to write other concerns. Since the time is short till the mailing of the next newsletter, Jan will prepare and circulate to the Board for review giving the Board until October 28, 2007 for comment.

ALEPH Executive Director visit.

Debra Kolodny, Executive Director of ALEPH, is planning a visit to the west coast and plans to be in the Bay Area November 27th -30th 2007 for meetings with affiliates. She has offered several topics for training, facilitation and help to Renewal congregations. Howie is to coordinate.

Shabbat Board Volunteers

It was brought to the Board's attention, that the Board members need to take the lead in welcoming all attendees at the Shabbat services. We particularly need to help newcomers, and those unfamiliar with our services.

Scholar in Residence

No discussion or action

New Space feedback and issues

Delayed to the November Board meeting to allow more meetings at the Center for Conscious Living

School Communication

Joe reported that he had attended the School Board meeting, and was well received. Discussion about needs of the school, a meeting place where storage is available, and the cultivation of youth leaders. A school board member volunteered to come to Board meetings periodically to provide more communication.

Property Damage at Quaker Center

Minor damage was reported to an object belonging to another group using the Quaker Center. The Board voted to reimburse that group for replacement of that item and emphasize the need to protect others property when we use their facilities.

Spring 2008 ALEPH Leadership Summit

A spring summit for leadership training is being sponsored by ALEPH and paid for by a grant. They will pay for room and board and airfare for one member of each affiliate. Howie is attending as an ALEPH Board member. A decision on the CY attendee will be made at a later date.

Double Mitzvah Challah project

It was decided that the Double Mitzvah Challah project being sponsored by Michaela Bravemen will be publicized in the CY newsletter. Sincere thanks to Michaela for this generous offer, and great idea.

Communication

The Board decided that in order to have a fully informed board it was necessary that communications received by a Board member concerning CY business should be forwarded to all of the Board in order that they could fully understand the issue.

Agenda for the November Board Meeting

The date for the November Board Meeting was changed to November 4, 2007 in order to accommodate the schedules of two Board members and Reb Eli. Various Agenda Items were presented for the Secretary to prepare an agenda

Closing Nigun - Eli