

**Chadeish Yameinu
Board of Directors Meeting
21 October 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, Rabbi Eli Cohen

Opening Nigun and prayer: Batya Kagan

Meeting Minutes: Howie Schneider

Clarification on new members and School Committee: We need to decide how many new members we need, and then inform school committee of the number.
Correction of Board meeting date from October 19 to 21

Action: Minutes approved with corrections.

Email Proposal: Email Awareness/ Sensitivity by Eliahu Goodman - Howie Schneider

We currently have simple, clear guidelines, and they are difficult to enforce, as it is unclear how to enforce them, and regulation in terms of "feelings" is felt to be unnecessary, as unpleasant emails are not a problem.

Action: No change in current list guidelines. Howie Schneider did send out email reinforcing guidelines of the list. Batya will follow up with Eliahu.

CY Members and Recession - Shira Belford

Ideas were proposed for assisting CY members through business and job networking.

- Business listings or forum on our website - "Support Those Who Support CY"
- Community chest for members in need. Would require oversight
- Yearly booklet

Action: Michael Robinson will work on a networking / business listing page for the website, and submit it for discussion before the next meeting.

Aleph Dues Proposal - Shira Belford

Proposal to pay partial Aleph dues for those who pay partial CY dues. We currently pay \$36 per full-dues-paying member. Estimated additional cost would be \$513 for 27 members. Benefit would be more Aleph members. Issues: Aleph is fundraising, and CY has a responsibility to its parent organization.

Action: Passed with one abstention. CY will pay partial dues to Aleph for those who pay partial CY dues.

Membership Report - Shira Belford

Currently Chadeish Yameinu has 87 members, not including comp.
Total in dues pledged, donations, and grant as of 10/16/2009: \$72,739

Action: We will send newsletters all year to comped members. Membership list will go out next newsletter.

Volunteer Needs - Shira Belford

Volunteer intake form from Consuelo Juarez. Feedback: be sure our needs on there are current CY needs. Demographic information not important. Form should be simple and ask "Who are you and how can you help?" Formal Acknowledgement of

Volunteers

Make it clear how to volunteer and who to contact - should be alongside donations, and thank volunteers afterward. More frequent acknowledgement of volunteers.

Volunteer list once a

coordinator should post listing and thank you to all volunteers on email month.

Action: More suggestions should be sent to Shira.

TO DO from 9/16/09 Meeting

Howie Schneider and Rabbi Yitz Miller Treasurer Duties

Howie has requested receipts, requested checks sent, and financials from bookkeeper sent to board.

R' Yitz: As of august, we have made up our \$1500 deficit.

Diane will call first meeting of High Holiday follow up committee

Batya has put most names into database; Howie and Diane did some also. First meeting will be called by 2nd week in November.

Rabbi Eli Cohen will contribute names for new Board Members

Potential new board members: Linda Bloombecker

Michael Robinson will send out minutes earlier.

Not done due to technical difficulties. Will do so next month.

Board Meeting Night - R' Eli Cohen

Proposal to move Board Meeting night from Wednesday. Reasons: Adult Ed is affected.

Action: Board meetings will be moved to the third Tuesday of the month, beginning December 15.

Proposal to Give School Committee Treasurer Authority - Howie Schneider

Would give school committee authorization to request school funds / disbursements directly from CY bookkeeper. Disbursements must be already budgeted and not represent any deviation from budget. All disbursements should also be forwarded to acting Board treasurer. This authorization will be revisited when Board Treasurer position is filled.

Action: Proposal approved as above. Howie Schneider will communicate decision to School Committee.

CY School Report - Batya Kagan

No attendance at October Munchkin Minyan. Family Shabbat was well attended.

School programs and Camp Shabbat are successful. We need more outreach for Munchkin Minyan. School is not seeing desired increase in numbers, especially for B'nai Mitzvah class. School staff: New B'nai Mitzvah teacher a success. Youth group needs coordinator and outreach. Camp Shabbat is a key publicity opportunity for Munchkin Minyan

Action: Rabbi Eli Cohen will ask that outreach calls be made for Munchkin Minyan

Announcement of Events on CY List - R' Yitz Miller

Related to Enneagram fundraiser. Event clarified so that Board members should be knowledgeable about event if asked.

Sponsorship decisions: When not discussed at Board meeting or by entire Board, those making sponsorship decision should be cognizant of all issues Board would discuss.

Ed Garner is CY publicity person - 2 weeks advance notice.

Financial Discussion - Howie Schneider and R' Yitz Miller

Board needs a treasurer. Possible names proposed: Ron Lacey, Karen Zelin, Tony Sloss, R' Yitz Miller. Another financial person needed on the Board. R' Yitz Miller may be asked again to be Board Treasurer next month. Other potential board members discussed: Irene Reti, Sarah Young (potential School liaison), and Sara Isenberg.

Action: Shira will ask Irene Reti, Howie will ask Sarah Young, and Rabbi Eli will ask Sara Isenberg.

Future Discussion - Howie Schneider

E-newsletter

Investigate adding choice of colors and fonts for listserve.

Rabbi Eli Cohen's contract - executive session to discuss details of long-term future contracts. Negotiating committee/ Board representatives--R'Yitz and Diane Brayman--will meet with R' Eli and bring info back to Board.

To Do For November 18 Meeting

Batya, R' Eli, and Michael Robinson will follow up on the High Holiday follow up letter.

Shira will get Board of Director descriptions from Eugene

Asking potential Board members: Shira will ask Irene Reti; Howie will ask Sarah Young; R' Eli will ask Sara Isenberg.

Michael Robinson will work on networking / business listing page for website.

Rabbi Yitz Miller and Diane Brayman will meet with Rabbi Eli Cohen regarding future contracts. (Not due by November meeting.)

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, 18 November at 7:00PM.