

Chadeish Yameinu
Board of Director Meeting
September 16, 2007
7:00 PM Aptos Fire Station

Minutes

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

Opening Nigun - Reb Eli

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 19, 2007 were approved with the correction related to the upcoming retreat having enough participants to financially pay for itself.

A motion was passed to place approved minutes of all Board Meetings on our website www.cysantacruz.org. Minutes are to be sent to Michael Yosef, webmaster, for placement.

Chadeish Yameinu Yahoo Groups List serve.

A discussion was held as to why attachments were not allowed on mail using Yahoo Groups. It was related that both attachments and graphics were not allowed due to potential for virus infection. A motion was passed to have Howie investigate if Yahoo currently checks for viruses on all incoming mail, attachments and graphics, and if so to change our settings to allow graphics and attachments as it would facilitate the dissemination of information to the CY community.

Involvement of School in Board actions

A motion was passed to encourage a representative of the School Board to attend Board meetings at least once a quarter. Joe Katzman volunteered to attend School Board meetings as a representative of the Board.

Rabbi's Contract Amendment

The Rabbi's contract provided for the special payment for the High Holidays to be made over the 12 months life of the contract, rather than at the time of service. A motion was passed to make the special payment for High Holidays in no more than 2 payments with at least ½ to be paid immediately following High Holidays, and the remainder to be paid as soon as the Treasurers can verify the availability of appropriate funds.

Aleph Payment

A motion was passed to immediately pay the Aleph assessment as invoiced for the current year in order to insure the receipt of the discount rate.

Bookkeeper

Jan is concerned about the performance of the bookkeeper, but wishes to spend more time analyzing the situation in order to determine the best course of action for CY.

Special Funds

A discussion was held as to the special funds which exist in the CY account system, and an appropriate way to manage and advertise them, as well as a way to appropriately acknowledge the donors and the honoree. A motion was passed to establish a list of special funds to which donors can donate, with a description of the uses of these funds, in order that we may insure that the funds are used for the purpose intended by the donor.

Financial Information Communication

A motion was passed to place the annual budget along with a quarterly financial report on the website, and to have a financial column in the newsletter.

Donor Acknowledgment

We have a new acknowledgment volunteer, Ellen Abrams. It has been some time since the last volunteer resigned, and there is a backlog of letters to go out. An apology letter will go out to all donors for whom the thank you letter has been delayed.. It was decided that every donor and honoree should get thank you cards. A motion was passed to give a special acknowledgment to donors who give \$2000 or more in annual dues or a one time non dues donation of \$500 or more. The special thank you letter will be signed by the Board.

Temple Beth El Jewish Film Festival

A motion was passed to donate \$50 for a business card sized ad in the program for Temple Beth El's Jewish film festival to show our support for this worthwhile endeavor.

High Holidays

A report was given on Rosh Hashana

Erev Rosh Hashana attendance	185
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Rosh Hashana Attendance	115
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A discussion was held on how to gather information on those attending in order to insure that we have contact information. Concern that registration would interfere with the flow, but agreement that we need to look at a method to insure ability to contact those that attend.

Discussion of Visioning Results

Due to the lack of time a short discussion was held to review the results of the visioning session held at the annual meeting. A motion was passed to hold a Board retreat to set goals and priorities for CY based on the information gathered at the annual meeting. The retreat will be held at Jan Leininger and Joe Katzman's house in Scotts Valley on October 14th from 12 Noon to 4 PM. Board members along with past Board members are specifically invited to attend.

Respectively submitted: George Lewis Secretary