

**Chadeish Yameinu
Board of Directors Meeting
19 September 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 Non-Board Members Attending: Akindele Bankole

Orientation

Meeting Opened at 7:10PM
Opening nigun -R' Eli Cohen Hashiveinu
Opening prayer -- Shira Belford and R' Yitzhak Miller

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the 19 August 2009 meeting were approved with one abstention. The secretary will send out minutes earlier in future months.

Immediate Business

Membership Report - Shira Belford

Chadeish Yameinu now has 81 members.
CY has a new volunteer coordinator, Consuelo Juarez. Shira will be her liaison.

R' Eli Cohen's Contract

Rabbi Eli's contract is signed.
-----The board went into executive session to discuss contract-----

Fundraising Proposal - Akindele Bankole

Proposal for Chadeish Yameinu to cosponsor November 21 concert and perform bookkeeping service. No expense to CY except minimal bookkeeping costs.
Resolution: Board approved proposal to cosponsor and provide bookkeeping service for concert with one abstention.

Budget Discussion - R' Yitzhak Miller

CY is in need of a new treasurer due to resignation of Andrea Cohen. R' Yitzhak and Howie Schneider will perform Treasurer duties for the next month (October) and during this time the board will also seek a new treasurer and board member. Need was expressed for not only a treasurer but another "financial person" as board member. R' Eli presented some names for possible new board members.

CY Budget - R' Yitzhak Miller

Current budget projection: Assuming

- no increase in membership dollars over previous year--
- with current commitments and donations--
- and with no change in fundraising or donations over previous year
- no change in expenses other than \$25000 to R' Eli and \$3000 to CY School,

Chadeish Yameinu projects a possible budget shortfall of \$1500 for this year.
Proposal: CY Board and Education Committee must agree on a number of new members to expect from new educational programs. Secondly, current year's increased membership dollars should be allocated as follows:

1. Balance budget.
2. After fundraising goals are met and the Board believes projected budget will be met, allocate funds to a combination of administrative support for the congregation and Rabbi, and to key expenses for the Rabbi --ex. travel to conferences, continuing education, professional dues. How and when money is allocated to be a

mutual decision between Rabbi and Board. Board will decide on a number for new member growth for the education committee at the October 21 meeting.

SCHOOL REPORT - R' Eli Cohen & R' Yitzhak Miller

Camp Shabbat: Camp Shabbat has good turnout and energy; several new members have joined after first Camp Shabbat. Will need 3 more Camp Shabbats to make an accurate judgment as to the success of the program--it was noted that no contribution or commitment was asked of anyone for the first Camp Shabbat. Continued promotion is a priority.

CY School: Beginning of school was also a success. B'nai mitzvah class was a success; a small program with 1 new student. A new B'nai Mitzvah teacher is working with R' Eli. Kitah Aleph has 1 or 2 students; some continuing students in Kitah Bet.

School Issue: There is concern about one CY Community School teacher. It was decided that the education committee would come to a decision as to how to resolve this issue.

High Holiday Planning Report - Shira Belford & R' Eli Cohen

There will be a member and nonmembers table, with membership and school info, and signup sheets with contact info. Entrances will be controlled. A list of paid members and nonmembers who have not yet paid for High Holy Day services will be provided for greeters. Akindele Bankole and Andrea Cohen are logistics co-ordinators.

Followup Plan for Signup Sheets: There was a proposal by R' Yitzhak the 3 letters be sent, as follows:

1. "We were glad you attended our HH services, here are 3 upcoming CY events." No money asked in this letter. Membership possibly suggested. Should be sent after Sukkot
2. Sent 2-3 weeks after the 1st letter, to nonmembers who did not donate, saying "Glad you were able to attend, we would appreciate support as it costs us to provide this" and a membership invitation.
3. 6 weeks after 2nd letter, to nonmembers who still had not donated, same as 2nd letter.

High Holiday Contact Followup Committee for above proposal was formed. Batya Kagan, Howie Schneider, R' Eli Cohen, and Michael Robinson will be on the committee. Batya Kagan will do data input. Rabbi Yitzhak Miller will send templates from past years' letters. Diane Brayman will call the first meeting.

Machzorim: Last year we had 220 machzorim; this year we may add 10-20 additional copies.

High Holiday Security: Howie Schneider will contact police for regarding CY's services for security.

It was decided that First Congregational Church employees could have free entrance for High Holiday services.

To Do for Next Meeting:

- R' Yitzhak Miller and Howie Schneider will do treasurer duties and send out CY financials to the board.
- Diane Brayman will call the first meeting of the High Holiday followup contact committee.
- Rabbi Eli Cohen will send names of potential new board members.
- Michael Robinson will send out minutes by following Wednesday (Sept. 23)

Future Discussion

Items for future board meetings should be emailed to Howie Schneider.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04PM. Next Meeting is Wed. 21 October 7:00PM, Aptos Firestation