

TEMPLE BETH-EL Board Meeting, October 15, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Steinborn, Arthur Berkson, Terri Sugarman, Alison Mann, Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, Ford Parkes-Perret, Marty Poel, Josh Rosenberg, Bill Stein, Jay Spetalnick, Rabbi Paul Citrin

ABSENT: Paul Feil, Mike Lieberman, Mike Mandel

VISITORS: Debbie Levy, Ruth Ann Sugarman

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mark Steinborn called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
2. MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE: The minutes were approved with corrections.
3. RABBI'S REPORT: Rabbi Citrin announced that he is moving onto the board of the Peace Village. During the weekend of 23 October, Ron Bernstein from Kibbutz Yahel will be visiting the congregation. On October 31 from 12:30 – 3:00 there will be a class on Leading the Service. On November 4 there will be a panel on Domestic Violence. Alison suggested that we make the URJ's pamphlet on Domestic Abuse available to congregation members (Temple Sinai has it in the Women's room).
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark reported that the collection of dues is ahead of last year. We have collected approximately \$77,000 in dues and \$22,000 in charitable contributions.
5. WAYS & MEANS: Mark announced that he had a conversation with Susan Fitzgerald and she may be willing to take over the Marketing Committee chair. The Ways & Means Committee presented the Projected List of Activities to the board. Sixty-seven individuals have signed up for the "Cook Your Life" event. Mark stated that the David Steinborn Dinner will be on May 1 and the event will honor David. Ruth Ann discussed the December 13 Art Fair. Most of the income for this event comes from ticket sales and Mike Mandel will head ticket sales. There will be two raffles. There will be 23 artists and they have the option to donate sales to TBE or share 50/50. Alison and Marianne are the food coordinators. Ford took an action to determine whether purchases may be tax deductible. Bill clarified that the chair of each fund raising event will contact the Ways & Means committee if they need help. The board discussed that the TBE Deli Booth at the Renaissance Fair may prepare food on Saturday morning but may not open to customers until noon. Marty moved "TBE Deli Booth will not begin selling to customers until after services are over or by noon." Passed unanimously.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Arthur says that the Shabbat Announcement calendar is OK. The order for 125 new sanctuary chairs has been made. Marianne will give the status of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee at the next board meeting. The aim is to complete a draft by January 7, 2010.
7. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. ONEGS: Mark voiced concerns about some Oneg events, "Is it time to hire someone?" Debbie Levy says that this is not a good idea and recommends that members be responsible for preparation and set-ups. Debbie is concerned that classes and groups using the Social Hall have not been cleaning up after themselves and do not rearrange the tables and chairs in the Social Hall to be ready for onegs. The rabbi asked Debbie to supply a chart or diagram that

- shows the arrangement of tables. Terri stated that the guidelines and diagrams should be posted.
- b. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mark stated that the TBE Executive Committee met last Thursday and voted in new members: Terri Sugarman and Pearie and Ron Bruder.
 - c. TBE DIRECTORY: From now on, updates to the Directory will be sent to members via email. Those without email will receive a mailing.
 - d. ADELANTE: Jamie Bronstein will no longer edit Adelante after the November edition.
 - e. NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING DATE: Mark requested that the November TBE Board meeting be moved to November 10 at 7:00 PM. The next TBE Executive Committee meeting will be at 5:00 PM on December 10.
 - f. DUES COMMITTEE: Mark announced that four names will be dropped from the TBE membership list because of non-payment of dues (two have moved). Partial dues payers are down below 51 members. The TBE constitution defines members in good standing and Mark stated he wants to enforce this in mid-year
 - g. SISTERHOOD REPORT: Terri announced that there will be a joint Sisterhood and Hadassah meeting on November 15. There will be a presentation by members on their experiences on the trip to Israel. There will be no Adult Hanukah Party in December. Sisterhood is looking for a chair for the Judaica Shop.
8. D'VAR TORAH: The rabbi encouraged the board in the future planning project. This is a good time to rally leadership and grass roots for future planning.
 9. FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE: Jay led a discussion on the book, "The Self-Renewing Congregation". The rabbi asked the board to consider if it has a bigger role than solving problems. The board will read chapters 4 and 5 for November.
 10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 09:09 PM. The next TBE Board meeting will be November 10, 2009.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Stein