

BHBE Board Meeting Via Zoom 7-27-22 at 7:30 PM

Present: Harris Miller, Cynthia Lerner, Joan Meyers, Allison Kamen, Bev Reinglass, Carla Banoff, Carol Pellish, Carter Greene, Zvi Tanenbaum, Diane Goldman, Fran Diamond, Fred Rosenwasser, Gail Schnitzer Eisenberg, Gail Swerdlik, Gail Schneiderman, Greer Braun, Harold Primack, Harriet Robbins-Ost, Ellen Sered, Ira Dubin, Jessica Littman, Jon Clemons, Judy Levey, Larry Plawsky, Leah Buchbinder, Michael Lehrer, Minnie Goldsmith, Sam Rodin, Shoshanna Reynolds, Dan Chodrow

Clergy: Rabbi Crane (Michael Kahn – absent)

Absent: Keri Bahar, Steve Bucksbaum, Susan Kay, Jennifer Wertheimer, Rochelle Leff, Helen Stopek, Jay Goldstein, Robin Smulson

Guest Speakers: Lia Goldfarb (Strategic Planning), Jeff Roth, Deborah Matek (Social Action)

Meeting began at 7:31 PM.

The board went over the June 29th, 2022 minutes.

Bev Reinglass motioned that the minutes stood as such after minor corrections were made.

Joan Meyers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Rabbi Crane delivered his D'Var Torah and Rabbi's Report to the board.

Shabbat with littles program is successful with 23 families. It was indoors at BHBE due to the rain.

Next event will be August 12th in partnership with Solomon Schechter Day School. The new siddurim were released on Saturday, July 16th. Rabbi Crane was accepted as a doctoral student to Spertus.

Jeff Roth and Deborah Matek – Guest speakers from Social Action Committee - Spoke on resolution to address gun violence and recent tragic/senseless shootings. Also, how we should address it as a synagogue/ community non-profit organization, which would include symposiums. Have youth involved from the Hebrew School. There was general board discussion. Cynthia stated we'll look at this deeper and vote at an upcoming meeting in August. A copy of the resolution will be sent to the board with additional fact sheets. Suggestions should be sent to Jeff Roth before the August meeting. It was suggested a motion be placed on the table for the August meeting.

President's report: More congregants are coming to special Shabbats and Kiddush. Great turnout so far.

Lia Goldfarb – Guest Speaker of the Strategic Planning Committee: It was discussed on a broad level with a short summary. Data was gathered from hundreds of congregants. Relationships with each other were the most important. Relational Judaism is valued, appreciated and welcomed. Implementation phase will follow acknowledgement/acceptance of the Strategic Plan by the board. We would like board members to join the Strategic Plan subcommittees. Lia Goldfarb provided the document summary. Harris Miller, Sam Rodin and Judy Levey were the Writing Team. Rabbi Crane and his team worked on the Mission/Vision Statement.

Gail Schechter motioned that we accept the Strategic Plan. Greer Braun seconded. It was accepted unanimously by the board.

Saturday, August 6th is Strategic Planning Shabbat.

Pick top three committees of what you would like to serve on by Monday, August 1st.

Leah Buchbinder gave Michael Kahn's Executive Director's Report. 76 member families renewed. 197 total in FY 2022. 42 individuals. 5 family members are in year two of the three year membership. 3 individuals are 3 years into their 8 year program for 50% off. One family unit joined us recently.

8 members are in the 10 year membership. Total of 134/341 paying units.

Michael Lehrer went over the Treasurer's report in brief summary. We paid back \$45,000 of the Line of Credit. That balance is \$182,000. Security costs will be looked into to see where we can save money.

Jay Goldstein had Cynthia Lerner remind the board that Cantor Roytman's 10th Anniversary will be celebrated on Friday, August 19th, Shabbat in the Shade, Shabbat with special Kiddush on Saturday, August 20th. It will conclude with a concert on Sunday, August 21st.

Greer Braun – Sisterhood Report: New Year's Greeting cards can be sent to congregants through their fundraiser. Also, Challah will be sold for Rosh Hashanah. Plants will be sold for the high holidays. \$500 will go towards the Cantor's weekend and the prayer books Shabbat weekend. Have engaging activities\programs on antisemitism including a Ken Burns Documentary on WTTW on Sept. 18th with a possible discussion and at the shul. Two more potential programs: Antisemitism at college campuses and on gun control.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, 9/21/22 at 7:30 PM via Zoom