

BHBE General Board Minutes 1/25/23 @ 7:30 PM via Zoom

Present: Harris Miller, Allison Kamen, Bev Reinglass, Carla Banoff, Carter Greene, Cynthia Lerner, Dan Chodrow, Diane Goldman, Fred Rosenwasser, Gail Eisenberg, Gail Swerdlik, Gail Schniederman, Greer Braun, Harold Primack, Minnie Goldsmith, Ellen Sered, Ira Dubin, Jay Goldstein, Jessica Littman, Jon Clemons, Leah Buchbinder, Michael Lehrer, Rochelle Leff, Shoshanna Reynolds, Susan Kay, Larry Plawsky, Harriet Robbins Ost, Steven Bucksbaum, Joan Meyers

Absent: Helen Stopek, Zvi Tannenbaum, Judy Levey, Carol Pellish, Sam Rodin, Keri Bahar

Clergy: Rabbi Crane

Staff: Michael Kahn

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM

Rabbi Crane gave his DVar Torah.

Adult education classes have continued.

Psalms class and Talmud class continue.

Introduction to Mysticism in Judaism will start Thursday, February 2nd. Class will be in the evenings.

Littles Program with PJ Library will be on the evening of Feb. 11th.

Novak family - B'nai Mitzvah is coming up.

Rabbi Dickman and Sam Bolen - Youth Days - K-12 events/programs after Hebrew school.

President's Report - Cynthia Lerner:

Consent agendas are minutes from committees - Reminder to attend The Little Shop of Lawyers on Feb. 25th, 2023 from Sisterhood – The Chicago Bar Association show will be at the synagogue for \$45 a person. Desserts will be served.

Annual meeting will be on May 31st at 6:30 PM followed by our board meeting.

April 27th board meeting - Meet in person at 7:30 PM at BHBE. - Will receive a report from the Building Committee on the building's future.

Past Presidents at their meeting agreed to use the remaining \$118,000 left in the Capital Campaign towards the General Fund for February 2023.

It's extremely important to quell rumors about BHBE.

If you're interested in joining a committee or reaching out to large donors, please email or call Cynthia or Rabbi Crane.

Executive Director's Report - Michael Kahn:

One new family officially joined us and there are prospectives interested in joining.

Expenses, income and projections were discussed with the board for FY23.

Michael was directed to not turn any potential member away. How do we want to handle considerations?

We need to make solid, effective decisions now to ensure we can renew our loans and our line of credit that comes due this year among other reasons. We need to be able to share a cohesive plan to our donors now.

BHBE Education Director will be part-time FY24.

Need a long-term plan for the next 18+ months for finances.

Michael Lehrer - Treasurer: His report was mostly covered by Michael Kahn. He gave a brief summary of what should be done.

Larry Plawsky - Ways and Means: We exceeded our annual appeal fundraiser goal that contributes to our financial well being. Mishloach Manot fundraiser is in the works. Also, our gala is coming up - bring members together as we exit the Covid pandemic. Have additional events with themes.

Old/New Business: Sisterhood events were announced. Please see below in programs/events.

Action Items:

Jay Goldstein requests the board have a strong capital campaign or gift giving campaign fundraiser. We need a new line of money for the synagogue to be in a position of prosperity. He would like the Men's Club and Sisterhood to double what they give to BHBE.

Programs/Events:

The second Shabbat morning of each month we are planning to have the kiddush sponsored by members celebrating their birthdays. The second February Shabbat is coming up. Please reach out to Adam Goldfarb for more information.

Friday, January 27th will be our next Shabbat gathering for Tu B'Shevat.

Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2023 – The Chicago Bar Association show Little Shop of Lawyers will be at BHBE for \$45 a person. Dessert and drink reception. Raffle tickets for \$10.

Gift shop is open on Sundays. Discounts will be offered on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th.

Good and Welfare - We hope to see you at the Shabbat dinner or services!

Meeting ended at 8:52 PM

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:30 PM via Zoom.**