

Temple Sinai
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 21, 2020

Present: Hoffmann, Kipp, Kopans, Lowenthal, Marx, Patashnick, Ruben, Silverman, Watsky

Absent: Banner, Citron, Cutler,

Attending: Rabbi Linda, Rabbi Jonathan, Bloom, Cornute

Marx called the on-line meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Welcome/Thanks: Marx thanked the Rabbis, Maxine Lautenberg and Lori Zwick for their work on the successful social justice program, and he also thanked all those who worked to upgrade housing for the backstretch workers' families. The Rabbis thanked Marx for his leadership and his work crafting letters and emails.

Minutes: On a motion by Lowenthal/Hoffmann, the June minutes were approved unanimously.

D'Var: Rabbi Linda discussed the period leading up to Tisha B'Av.

Standing Reports are on file in the office. Highlights:

Education Director: Bloom reported that the school calendar for the coming year is set. Camp Sinai is functioning. School enrollment is just beginning.

Membership: Silverman said the weekly schmooz will now be monthly.

Library: Lowenthal reported that the new bookcases are installed. Special thanks to Temple member Dan Chernoff for using his excellent skills to build the bookcases

Treasurer: Watsky reported that given the cost differential between credit card usage and electronic fund transfers [EFT], members having Mary Jordan make payments by EFT should not be charged 3% as a lesser charge will cover our costs. *On a motion by Hoffmann/Kopans, we voted unanimously to approve a \$1.00 transfer fee for an EFT rather than use credit cards.*

Endowment Funds: After discussion, *on a motion by Hoffmann/Kopans, we voted*

unanimously to invest current and future Life and Legacy bonuses and incentive endowment funds in the RPB account.

The \$10,000.00 Economic Injury Disaster Loan [EIDL] loan/grant will be used to cover current rabbinical health benefits.

Watsky has proposed that we take advantage of a \$100,000.00 EIDL Small Business Loan to make necessary repairs and upgrades to our building. Following a long discussion, we decided to table the issue until the full board can meet and discuss it. Marx/Watsky will review with Larry Novik, the building committee chair, the health of the building/all needed repairs/different financial approaches. They will set up a time for Novik to meet with the Board.

New Business

Avodah Committee: Ruben proposed that we purchase the editable, more visual version of a new on-line Mahzor which the Rabbis will be able to tailor more closely to our High Holy Day service needs. On a motion by Ruben/Kipp, we voted unanimously to spend \$1200 to purchase the Mishkan HaNefesh for Temple Sinai.

Crafters' Gallery: Since no one has agreed to run the larger version of the gift shop, we are withdrawing from Crafters' Gallery and will have just a small gift shop in the parlor of Temple Sinai.

Intern possibility: Jesse Epstein, a former Skidmore student, now a rabbinical student, is exploring the opportunity to serve as an intern at Temple Sinai while the Rabbis are on sabbatical.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted

Therese Lowenthal

Secretary

The next meeting will be August 18.