

Temple Sinai
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 15, 2020

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

Absent: Citron, Cutler,

Attending: Bloom, Cornute, Rabbi Linda, Rabbi Jonathan

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

Thank you: To Wang for the excellent Saratoga Community Arts Festival movies and panel discussions; to Zobel for organizing the month of Elul activities and to all who participated; to the Avodah committee and the Rabbis for all they did preparing for the High Holy Days; Rabbi Jonathan thanked Marx, Cornute and Bloom for all of their work.

Minutes: On a motion by Lowenthal/Watsky, the July minutes were unanimously accepted.

D/Var: Rabbi Jonathan's D'Var was based on the month of Elul.

Where are we going? Marx addressed keeping the Congregation better informed about the Board's plans and about the pacing of the Board's actions. Discussion of the tight deadline on the EIDL loan led to further conversation about the loan. All monies related to the loan [principle, interest and contributions] will be kept in a separate, dedicated account. Payment of expenses for the repairs and renovations will be run through this account. A suggestion to launch a Capital Campaign was made.

Standing Reports: On file in the office.

Treasurer's Report: *Watsky reviewed the Profit/Loss statement.* He talked about the importance of High Holy Day donations and how we could access them in a zoom year. Wang has contacted JFNENY grants committee and was able to access left over grant monies to help underwrite High Holy Day services.

Social Justice Statement: Hoffmann offered a statement concerning social justice. After discussion, it was agreed that Hoffmann/Kopans would co-chair a committee on social/racial justice.

Nominating Committee: Lowenthal reported that the committee had started work she asked for input on future board members/officers from the Board .

Avodah Committee: Ruben reported on the process of preparing for the High Holy Days.

Respectfully submitted:
Therese Lowenthal, Secretary

Next meeting October 20, 2020