

Temple Sinai
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 20,2020

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

Absent: Cutler, Kopans

Attending: Cornute, Bloom, Rabbi Linda

Marx called the meeting to order at 6:36pm

Appreciation/Thanks: Marx thanked the Rabbis for their outstanding leadership in planning and conducting the High Holy Day services, and all those others who contributed so much. He thanked Wang for her flexibility and creativity in continuing with the Saratoga Jewish Cultural Arts Festival during the pandemic period.

Minutes: Lowenthal/Kipp moved the amended minutes. Unanimously accepted.

D'Var: Rabbi Linda offered a D'Var on Parsha Noach.

Standing Reports: Reports are on file in the office. Highlights:

Temple Administrator: Cornute reminded the board that service assignments are at the bottom of her report

Education Director: Bloom reported that Religious School has started smoothly. The madrachim program for Hebrew now has older students mentoring younger students. The Shalom Everybody program for pre-K children has begun. We've lost 3 – 5 families [about 6 students] because we are conducting classes on zoom. On the other hand, Bloom reported that the pandemic has shown us new ways of thinking and presenting information.

Treasurer: Watsky reviewed the P & L statement and balance sheet. He discussed this year's lower financials and income, and the reasons for them. The monies from the EIDL loan are in our Long-Term Savings account at Fidelity where they will stay until the building work is approved **and** begun. He reviewed the process to be used to inform the congregation about the EIDL loan.

Avodah: Ruben reviewed the Rabbis' sabbatical plans for winter 2020-21 and winter 2021-22.

Annual Appeal: The first announcement has gone out in a congregational email. The Appeal is under way. We have several matching grants to encourage donating.

Re-Opening Committee: Marx presented the proposed waiver and the guidelines to be followed - and enforced - for future Temple Sinai programming, whether it is in the building or off site.

Nominating Committee: Lowenthal reported on the process and time lines the committee will follow in developing a slate for the next Board term.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted

Therese Lowenthal

Secretary

Next meeting: November 17.