

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
The Jewish Center of Princeton  
Thursday, September 22, 2016**

**Board Meeting Attendees:** Naomi Perlman, Fred Appel, Gil Gordon, Helaine Isaacs, Linda Milstein, Naomi Richman Neumann, Moshe Margolin, Steve Hudis, Michael Bloom, Edye Kamenir, Judi Fleitman, Charlene Borsack, Audrey Straus, Nicole Soffin, Ginger Schnitzer

**TJC Congregants in Attendance:** n/a

**TJC Staff Attendee:** Rabbi Adam Feldman

**1. Call to Order (Naomi Perlman)**

Meeting called to order at 7:25 pm by President Naomi Perlman.

**2. Approval of August, 2016 Minutes**

Two requests were made for minor changes to the minutes. A motion was made by Moshe Margolin to accept the minutes. Seconded by Steve Hudis. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention. The minutes as amended were approved.

**3. President's Report (Naomi Perlman)**

- (a) Naomi P announced that Barak Bar Cohen, a current Board member who until recent been co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, has agreed to step down from the co-chairmanship in order to assume the responsibilities of Vice President of Programming. Moshe Margolin made a motion to ratify Barak's appointment to the VP of Programming position. Steve Hudis seconded, and the motion was approved by the Board.
- (b) The members of last year's Israel Dialogue Committee will be honored for their recent service to the congregation at the Simchat Torah morning service on Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am. All Board members were encouraged to attend.
- (c) Naomi also provided an update on the state of the repairs and renovations to the TJC building. Private donors have expressed a willingness to underwrite bathroom renovations. Renovations are likely to start in late November and December.
- (d) The "Great Minds Salon" event held the previous evening (September 20) organized by Suki Wasserman and featuring investigative journalist and congregant David Kushner was reported as a great success, with over 80 attendees.
- (e) Naomi also reviewed recent changes in TJC facilities management in the wake of administrator Phil Nordlinger's departure.
- (f) Regarding High Holiday preparations, Naomi P, Judi, and Susan K were identified as Board members who will be trouble-shooting in the shul during the holidays. Security procedures were also reviewed. Ushers are being urged to make a stronger effort to ask attendees for tickets. Non-members, lapsed members, or members in arrears should be identified and given form letters in envelopes requesting a donation or payment of dues.

- (g) In Jonathan G's absence Naomi reported that dues collection appears to be proceeding well. The decision to charge congregants a courtesy fee for using credit cards has resulted in a drop in the number of congregants who pay by credit card, with resulting savings in fees for the shul. Remissions requests are expected to be at the same level as last year.
- (h) Naomi also reported on the activities of the 7-member Israel Panel Committee, which will begin to write updates in the monthly newsletter. They are planning to hold their first event on Sunday December 4. The nature of the event and the identity of the panelist have yet to be determined.

#### **4. Clergy Study Session and Report (Rabbi Feldman)**

- (a) Rabbi Feldman led the Board through a reading of select passages from Psalm 27.
- (b) In his report Rabbi Feldman expressed satisfaction with how well the year has begun, with the "Havah Nagrilla" open house barbeque. He also discussed his ongoing involvement with the Princeton interfaith clergy committee and his upcoming visit to the Princeton Theological Seminary.

#### **5. High Holiday Calls, Annual Fund Update, Schools Update, Other Updates (Michael Bloom, Naomi Perlman, Ginger Schnitzer)**

- (a) Michael reminded the Board that Board members were each emailed a list of congregants to call with New Year wishes. He urged Board members to follow through.
- (b) Naomi reported that the annual fund mailer is being sent out before the High Holidays. Once again Board members were urged to pledge before Kol Nidre with the goal of attaining 100% Board participation.
- (c) The annual fund Gala event – which will honor congregants Jesse and Marissa Treu – is now set for April 1, 2017.
- (d) Ginger reported that 260 children are now registered in the Religious School, which is more than expected, and noted that some of the youngest classes are growing in size. She also reported on the first few weeks of Religious School activities.

#### **6. Roles & Responsibilities (Naomi Perlman)**

- (a) The intention is to fill the Director of Administration on at least an interim basis after the High Holidays.
- (b) The Sulam lay leadership initiative will slow down in the coming months in the wake of Phil Nordlinger's departure and will start up again when a new administrator is in place.

#### **7. Other Business**

- (a) The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 20, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

#### **8. Executive Session**

- (a) Items discussed in this section concern confidential matters – such as (but not limited to) personnel.

#### **8. Adjournment**

(a) Naomi P. adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Fred Appel  
Recording Secretary