



General Board Meeting, September 16, 2018

Present:

Bernard Abramson	Helaine Isaacs	Linda Meisel
Jeremy Black	Bret Jacknow	Linda Milstein
Randy Brett	Eric Jaffe	Warren Mitlak
Rachael Cooper	Heidi Joseph	David Politziner
Rabbi Adam Feldman	Edye Kamenir	Abigail Rose
Judi Fleitman	Moshe Margolin	James Rosenberg
Martha Friedman	Kim Marks	Rick Rosenberg
Lew Gantwerk	Andrea Hoberman	Nicole Soffin
Debbie Gross	Martinez	Ken Turkewitz

Minutes:

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM
2. D'var Torah given by Bernard Abramson
3. Approval of Minutes
With the inclusion of amendments requested by VP Religious Affairs, Linda Milstein, the minutes of June and July's Board meetings were approved. They will be posted to the TJC website.
4. **President's report** – Linda Meisel
 - 4.1 The President thanked Linda Milstein, VP Religious Affairs, for her efforts and for the work done by everyone to prepare for the High Holidays. Randy Brett commented that the transition from the Family Service to the main service was very smoothly handled. The President also thanked Ken Turkewitz for all the "back of house" organization.
 - 4.2 A meeting was held with the U League to discuss issues the League has raised with the state of the school building. Issues include the need for lead remediation, general maintenance, cleanliness, and day-to-day communication with TJC. The League has a 7 year lease with the first 2-year notice window opening in August 2019.
5. **Rabbi Feldman's report**
 - 5.1 Rabbi endorsed Linda's thank yous to everyone who has worked to make High Holidays successful.
 - 5.2 On October 6th we will celebrate adult b'nei mitzvah for the current class. The Rabbi particularly noted that one member of the class, who is the husband of another member but is not Jewish, has fully participated in the class. While he will not have a bar mitzvah he will read the prayer for Israel in Hebrew and participate in other aspects of the service as appropriate.

- 5.3 The Board are asked to help the rabbi identify more opportunities to include inter-faith families in our activities.
- 5.4 \$100,000 was raised for the Torah Project which exceeds the cost. The surplus will be added to the Torah fund. Judi Fleitman thanked Rabbi Feldman for his inspirational effort behind the Project.

6. Trustee, VP and Committee reports

6.1 Finance – Warren Mitlak

- Although financial reports have not been received from Kesef, Warren reported that we are ahead of budget on dues and fee receipts.
- Kesef has been notified that we are ending our contract. The causes include late reporting, inflexibility, and slow check and credit card processing. We have engaged Ann C. Zawarkay CPA who provides services to non-profits.

6.2 Administration – Judi Fleitman

- Sandy Wilson has been hired as our Executive Director commencing October 1.
- Eric Jaffe reported on various House projects. Roofing of the main building has been delayed and will begin after the High Holidays. The Cantor's Office has been repaired.
- We have received a citation from Princeton about the need to replace trees along the driveway at the Riverside Drive side of the property. Neighbors along that side of the property have also raised this matter. The trees here died and were cut down but not replaced at the time. This is required by our long-standing agreement with neighbors and by township ordinances. Two quotes have been received and the work will be done at the right season.
- The fire suppression system in the kitchens is to be replaced as is the phone system.

6.3 Programming – Helaine Isaacs

- Helaine thanked everyone who helped erect the two sukkahs.
- She described a number of forthcoming programs. Full details will appear in the Newsletter.
- Abigail Rose said that the Social Action committee would like TJC to display a rainbow flag alongside the flags of the USA and Israel. Linda Meisel said that we will discuss this topic at the next Board meeting.

6.4 Religious Affairs – Linda Milstein

- The Heller family and the Scheer family led the Torah Project and through the process have become close friends. Linda said that this shows that leadership at TJC does not have to be limited to Board or committee members.
- Linda Meisel said that TJC can benefit by having more activities run by ad hoc task forces rather than formal committees. Running a specific, time-limited, activity such as the Torah Project is more attractive for volunteers.

6.5 Education – Nicole Soffin

- Daryl Rothman is the new Youth Programming coordinator. She also will be teaching two religious school classes and is leading the young family service for the High Holidays. The Rosh Hashanah service was attended by 100 people and was very successful.

- Sunday religious school began today. Rabbi Feldman greeted everyone and took photos.
- Enrollment in religious school appears to have increased.
- Linda Meisel said that she has the sense that more Israelis from the university are coming to TJC with their families. She also has the feeling that we are attracting more interfaith families.

7. **Director of Administration report** – Ken Turkewitz

Ken said that his items had been covered by other reports, however, he wanted to let everyone know how special his time at TJC has been for him and that he will be disappointed to leave.

8. **Other business**

8.1 The 70th anniversary of TJC's founding will be celebrated in 2019. Surviving founding members and early families will be interviewed by school children. There will be an exhibition to educate members about TJC art works including Nakashima furniture, stained glass windows, and tapestries. A celebration gala will be held in September. A committee will be formed under the leadership of Jesse and Marissa Treu, Robyn and Charles Persky, and Nadine and Scott Singer.

8.2 Rabbi Feldman has been appointed to the Board of Trinity Counseling Services and will attend its gala on September 22nd. TCS is an independent nonprofit agency offering mental health services.

8.3 The Board meeting scheduled for September 27th is cancelled. The next meeting will be on October 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Minutes recorded by Bernard Abramson