

June 20, 2023

TJC Board Meeting

Heidi- Welcome. I love to see ABC sitting there, makes me feel confident. Welcome to the Board and thank you for agreeing to be part of the leadership at TJC. We have a full agenda. We have membership and education challenges and social events and the 75th anniversary all coming up. I thought today would be a good time to give an update in your area of responsibility with short updates. Just for today so we can learn what's going on in the synagogue I thought it would be a good way of educating ourselves.

First we are doing a l'chaim. I wish us all well and I hope we have a successful year and I look forward to our achievements and to a wonderful TJC congregation that continues to be covenantal.

RAM—a brief word of Torah. What will be your thing on the Board that will be your contribution. What's one thing you want to be doing as a gift to our community.

- Share your thing:
 - Eve Coulson—I'm going through boxes and I wrote something 28 years ago that wasn't bad. Maybe I'll write something.
 - Pam- I am going to bring energy through JCW
 - Andrea- I am going to bring connection with new congregants to old congregants.
 - Judy- I want to bring fun activities that will be an excuse to get together.
 - Dana- I want to build on Judy's plan and do dancing.

Heidi- I'd like to thank Joel and the staff for putting on the ice cream social today. We had over 100 people come and it was a well-received, well-attended event.

I'd like to have everyone introduce each other. Speak to the person next to you and find out who they are and what they like about TJC and then you will introduce that person. Thank you for all of your talents and being on the board.

Neal Masia- Financial Report- We are slightly ahead of plan and off to a good start .

- We received a letter from a lawyer in France representing a woman, Madeline Bopp who has donated money to TJC in her will as a bequest. So far we received 30K. Bob Schwartz found us a lawyer in France to organize this and we are going to get a second check. We would like to find out more about her and acknowledge her donation.
- Life and Legacy endowment has to get to 500K until we received any benefit, but we are increasing the donations.

- We are taking advantage of the interest rate environment and we've opened a money market account at TD bank so we will earn some interest there.
- We will talk to all new chair people about their committee reports and find out if the reports we provide are useful.
- We will work on updating and writing an investment policy
- Our membership numbers are a little higher than we were at the beginning of the summer.

Heidi- we have already received payment on half our dues which is wonderful. Half of our revenue comes from dues so it's a good start if our dues get paid.

Objectives: Please write down your objectives or goals as committee co-chair on the index cards that are coming around and we will review these in December to see how we are doing.

Joel- We are going to 6 bulletins each year and combining 2 months per bulletin.

You have a board folder with a board list and a calendar.

We have name cards.

We have calendars from Orland's and TJC is on the November page and shows our stain glass

ABC- update on the apartment. We are creating an apartment above the religious school. We have raised all the funds needed to fund the project. The appliances have been donated. We will continue to take donations that will continue to fund the upkeep and utilities, so we always need more money. We hope that Yona and Esau will be able to move into the apartment soon. The construction should be quick.

Heidi- 75th Anniversary meeting was great with 20 people and about 70 ideas. Some were amazing so we are going to have several events throughout the year but we have to do fundraising and we want everyone to participate. May 4, 2024 will be the culminating event.

Jane -Everyone should come to shabbat services in the summer because services are great and laid back. We have lunch every week. We need shabbat greeters. We will meet in August to prepare everything for the high holidays. We are starting some new musical shabbat services, starting tomorrow.

RAM- Avi and I have been working with professional musicians and many people at meet and greet said they want music at services. So on Friday we have musical instruments and on Saturday we do not. This Friday we are debuting our musical service. It's new tunes and soulful music. Saturday we have beautiful davening but you can also come just for lunch and be part of the community.

Heidi- Sept. 9 is a special day for Alisson Schneider and her daughter who will be bat mitzvah. Everyone should come to the Bat Mitzvah.

Jeremy- we have 66 students registered for religious school. New for this year Sunday morning will be 9-12 and we will serve breakfast for all the students to build community. Sept. 10 is back to school day. Hired Stephanie Spielholtz to work with the kids.

Membership- as of June 1 we have 493 members; we acquired 9 new members since June 1 but we lost 3 due to deaths and we lost 3 due to resignations because they were relocating. We have a gain of 3. We asked those who left to become associated members and they said they would. We are going to try to keep old members involved.

We are going to have a week of welcome on 9/10 for RS families and all members. We will have an apple bakeoff and have other committee tables set up for information. Shabbat under the stars is now monthly year round. And tomorrow night is the first musical Shabbat.

JCC camp bus comes here everyday. Only 1/3 of those people are already members of TJC so Andreas Martinez is spearheading events to get the non TJC families involved and to consider joining TJC—bagel breakfast, etc.

We're trying to get old members to rejoin and everyone is working hard to get them to rejoin, and to get people to stay members after their kids are b'nai mitzvah.

Joel- the renewal letter had a better response this year than last year. Everyone got billed July 2. 493 is our total membership roll now. In order to get HH tickets you have to have 25% of your dues paid.

Jesse Treu- as chair of LRP I can't stress how important membership is to generate revenue. We must build membership to get out of deficit spending. We have to regain the members that we have lost over the last 10-15 years.

Joel- today we had 7 prospective new members at the ice cream social. This is membership season. New professors moving into the community so keep your ears open for new people and send them to us. The ice cream social was amazing! This is membership season until HH. If there are new people we will reach out to them and get them signed up.

Jerry Neuman - We have had some members from Zamru and CJL

Michael Goldin- perhaps we could have a way to contact the families who are bar mitzvahing their last child and contact them in advance to ask them how we can keep them.

Pam Z- Daffodil project- is part of a global initiative to acknowledge holocaust children and suffering children everywhere. Palmer Sq. management group will meet with us so that we can get even more daffodil bulbs planted in tiger park so that we are engaging the ecumenical community and schools to participate in this global effort.

Ari- I've been working daily with Joel to set up a list of all the house projects that we want to get done and need to get done annually. We are looking at pressure washing the patio and limestone walls. I fixed the sump pump. We are looking at something to stabilize the torahs in the ark. We have to fix the garage door as we drive in—it's an eye sore and it is bothering me.

The ark in the bet midrash has been fixed.

Ed Simon- annual Fund – we want to connect with every shul member and ask them to support the shul directly. We need volunteers to make phone calls. We would like to collect the majority of funds given by October. We have to get more participation in the annual fund. Even if someone gives \$18, we have to get greater participation.

Joel- Aug 8- Gabriel O'Neal is a documentary film maker and she will be here to watch her short films and have a Q&A . Come Aug. 8 at TJC at 7 pm for should films. 2 15-minute documentaries.

Aug. 15- Movie Oppenheimer at AMC is sold out. We have a 55 seat theater just for us.

Aug. 22- Jewish Scavenger hunt at Grounds for Sculpture.

We have a lot of amazing events coming up in September and we have a lot of HH events. Building Sukkoth on Sept. 10, rain or shine.

RAM- on Aug. 19 we have a professor from the Hartman institute is coming to each Israeli poetry during services and during a lunch and learn.

Good and Welfare:

Charlene-Grandchild coming Dec. 2023

Dana- grand baby born yesterday

Lynne ross- fiancé on Broadway

Jesse Treu- grandchild bar mitzvah in Israel

RAM- Mazel tov to those who are serving on other Boards; Neal's wife is president of Greenwood House.