



Board Minutes July 9, 2014

Members present: Bernie Berkowitz, Geri Copitch, Judy Chambers Steve Zlotowski, Allison Ashby,
Patricia Penn, Nancy Warsinger,

Members absent: Scott Lyon, Marcia Berkowitz

Meeting called to order at: 7:04 pm

Minutes approved

Delegation of new duties:

Ritual affairs - Geri

Building and Grounds - Scott

Membership - Maggie

PR - Steve and Geri

Interfaith - George & Art

Social Action/Tikkun Olam - Art

Fundraising - Bernie

Bet Sefer Liaison - Patricia

Telephone - Judy

Reports

Correspondence:

- URJ is holding a Hadrachah training for lay leaders. Nancy was interested, but didn't have enough notice. Perhaps next year if they hold one
- Amazon Smile program - we are in their system as Congregation Beth Israel, Redding. Rabbi Jeremy Gimbel purchased in our name. We receive 5% of purchases made through this link. Nancy will set this up to accept funds via our Script account. Judy will write something for the newsletter.
- Pilgrim is hosting an 'open to all' summer book club. Geri shared the information

Financial:

- Nancy reported that our closing books for the 2013-2014 fiscal year reflect \$25,000 in dues pledges, or which we did not collect \$798.
- We received a donation by some of Warren's friends in honor of his birthday.

Religious Affairs:

- Geri asked if the board had any objection to a Shilihot board. None.
- Geri will start organizing readers etc for the High Holy Days

Building & Maintenance:

- See old business

Bet Sefer:

- Bet Sefer families and students will be hosting a service and luncheon on Sunday July 27th as a Thank You to the congregation for their on going support.
- Sadie will be attending CAJE conference on August 10th with Jess. Jess is very excited about picking up some new ideas.

Membership:

- There may be a new couple joining in the future. Helene Stovall believes Leigh and her new husband would like to be involved.

Sisterhood:

- Roberta has paid the sales tax for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to the amount of \$23

Interfaith:

- Art lead the invocation at the Anderson City Council meeting this month.

Old Business:

1. Irrigation: Spend or not to spend - Scott has run soaker hoses as a stop gap measure. These will get us by for a little while, but they will deteriorate with the sun.
-Discussed that we didn't spend all of the money set aside for Temple renovations/beautification.
-Board agreed to authorize Scott to use this to have the system fixed properly.
2. Baby's grave, Art's concern - Art has voiced concern that we've used up public interest in this and that there won't be any kind of turn out.
- Board disagreed.
3. Rail in Ladies room - since once stall already has one, and there is a bathroom off the kitchen with a sturdy rail, the board voted this down.

New Business:

1. Rabbi dates - approved as presented
2. Library policy - Allison asked board input re: the policy for checking out autographed books. The board decided that several should be put on display only, with alternative copies provided for checkout
- Allison also expressed concern about accepting anymore donations as the bookshelves are nearly full (or will be once the remainder of the books are catalogued). The board felt the library should keep growing and that we could purchase more bookshelves which would be placed in either the Gimel or Dalet room.
3. Klezmer - Benjy et al would like to come Sunday, January 4th. Steve will check with Oaksong society to make sure there are no conflicts with the date as they were strong supporters last time.
Geri will check availability of Pilgrim and cost for use of the kitchen (discussion of combining concert with spaghetti feed)
Geri will tell Benjy we can't give them the \$300 guarantee this time, but they will get 90% of the gate. Promise that they won't walk away with less than \$300.
4. Macy's fundraiser - no cost to us. We 'sell' savings coupons for \$5 each. We keep 100% of this. Board approved.
5. Honey fundraiser - No
6. Membership luncheon - Tabled
7. Gift for newly ordained rabbis - Geri proposed that we purchase a tree in each of their names. Approved.
8. Date for next meeting - none in August. Steve will coordinate with Geri re: September meeting (9/16/14)

Next Rabbi visit: September 5&6

Adjourned at: 8:49 pm

Submitted by Geri Copitch