

UVJC Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
3 October 2017, 7:00 pm at Roth Center for Jewish Life

Present: Sue Berg, Bill Brown, Debbe Callaghan, Thomas Cochran, Felixa Eskey, Matthew Henken, Deb Kaplan, Robyn Jacobs, Jeff Lubell, Laura Rosenthal, Rusty Sachs, Robert Shumsky

Regrets: Gloria Finkelstein, Rachel Kleinbaum, Lynn Schwartz, Stephen Woloshin

Ex-Officio: Rabbi Boraz

1. **Call to Order & Welcome (Rusty):** Robyn, Deb, and Rachel in absentia, recognized for their years of service on the BOT
2. **Approval of Minutes:** BOT meeting 6 September 2017 minutes approved as written.
3. **Reports:**
 - a. **Rabbi Report**
 - See high holiday debrief. Thank yous for all the help.
 - Simchat Torah – Student Klezmer band may participate. Considering outside dancing with the Torah.
 - b. **Treasurer Report (Bill)**
 - Financial statements distributed prior to meeting. We are in the black. Pleased with number of high holiday contributions. Year-end statements and reconciliation to come.
 - c. **Social Action**
 - High Holiday Tzedakah donated to WANN (Welcoming All Nationalities Network of the Upper Valley) and Gan Yeladim Gan Eden in Haifa Israel (an organization for individuals with disabilities for which Maggie Duford volunteers as an art teacher).
 - High Holiday food drive went to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and the Haven.
 - We reviewed a revised version of the Immigration statement discussed at last meeting. While we felt it had the good intentions, the majority of felt it was not appropriate for us to sign for our members. Suggestion made that the Immigration sub-committee of SAC discuss ways to build a relationship with the Granite State Immigration network. There is a strong interest in becoming more active and involved with various social action issues—how can we engage Kol Ha’Emek besides focusing on this letter?
 - d. **Education Report (Felixa)**
 - 45 students + 7 madrichim. Teachers for all grades. Largest class is K, (9 students)
 - Tot Shabbat, is a worthy and popular program, good for recruiting.
 - Youth retreat at the Class of '66 Lodge on Moose Mtn. was wonderful and well attended.
 - e. **High Holiday Debrief**

Attendance:

Rosh Hashanah

 - Erev RH: 200 Reform (Rollins), 50 Conservative (Roth Library)
 - Day 1: 60 Family (Roth), 20 Tot (Roth Library); 150 Reform (Occom), 100 Conservative (Rollins)
 - Day 2 – Roth ?

Yom Kippur

 - Erev YK (Kol Nidre): 80% full at Rollins – used up all the prayer books.
 - YK Day: 60 - Family (Roth); 35 - Tot (Roth Library); 130 - Reform (Occom); 50 - Conservative (Rollins), 8 Study session (Roth Library)
 - Neilah: 200
 - Thank you to Tom Jacobs for organizing volunteers for set up, etc. Saved a lot of money by transporting the books ourselves. All the services were beautiful. Tension between offering different services to meet the varying needs of our congregation vs. coming together as a single

community. 8 people attended the study & meditation session – there was some confusion as to when and where it was scheduled. Suggestions to consider for next year:

1. Change set up in Rollins for RH and YK mornings so that people are sitting closer together. Make bimah at other end.
2. Post schedule of events at all sites so less confusion as to what is happening when and where.
3. Include brief description of each service in the calendar and on website.

f. Development Committee (Debbe)

- Planning a sustainability campaign to make us stronger, larger, more robust and self-sustaining. This will allow us to possibly expand programming and move from part-time to a full-time administrator and rabbi. The 5-year goal is to raise \$360,000. Will reach out to specific people to secure ten \$5,000, ten \$10,000 and ten \$20,000 donations each contributed over 5 years resulting in \$350,000. The remaining \$10,000 will be raised from general membership and the public between Feb-March 2018. This strategy will require a repeat campaign in 5 years. The goal is that the resulting engagement and energy in the community will lead to an increase in membership. Much discussion re: clarity of goals/use of money. Discussion to be continued at a special BOT on Oct 18 at 7 pm.

g. Ruach (Jeff)

- Planning to host Israeli dancing jointly with Hillel for Simchah Torah
- Opera North (Opera/Schmopera) has requested to perform again on April 7. Melissa has identified a cellist and pianist that will be here shortly after this date. Plan: Promote April as a month of celebration of Jewish Music. Open events to the entire Upper Valley. Robyn agreed to help with logistics for Opera North. Jeff will confirm and will speak with Opera North re: UVJC share of the profits from the previous performance.

h. Classicopia (Rob): October 7: Jewish Jazz!

i. 20th Anniversary/Memorial Scroll celebration (Thomas)

- More people are needed on the committee to ensure historical breadth. Rob Gurwitt has agreed to participate.
- Kol Ha'Emek celebration will be separate from the Hillel's. Planned for March 23-25.
- Consider inviting Jeffrey Ornstein from London to the celebration, as he was instrumental in making it possible for us to keep the scroll. Jeff will research speaking possibility. Once verified that we want to invite him will do so and see how much support, if any, he requests.

j. NH Jewish Film Festival (Debbe)

- Committee recommends we not participate this year due to conflict with the 20th Anniversary/Torah rededication celebration and limited "bandwidth" for people attend. The same families who raised money for last year's films will be approached as part of the sustainability campaign so not able to approach them again to support the film festival this year. The NH Film Festival group has asked us to consider alternatives. Debbe will discuss this further with them.

k. Next Meetings

- Special meeting to discuss sustainability campaign: Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 PM.
- Next BOT meeting: November 1 at 7:00 PM

Adjourned 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Berg, Secretary