

UVJC Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2016
7:00 pm – Roth Center for Jewish Life

Present: Richard Abel, Sue Berg, Bill Brown, Felixa Eskey, Lori Hirshfield, Robyn Jacobs, Deb Kaplan, Rachel Kleinbaum, Laura Rosenthal, Rusty Sachs, Lynn Schwartz, Robert Shumsky, Stephen Woloshin

Absent: Gloria Finkelstein, Jeff Lubell

Ex Officio: Rabbi

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** by Deb Kaplan at 7:00 PM
2. **Approval of Minutes** - BOT meeting 06 July 2016 were reviewed and *Approved*.
3. **President's Remarks**
 - a. Deb thanked the departing board members Lori Hirshfield, Richard Abel, who each served 6 years, and presented them with gifts.
 - b. NH Federation annual meeting and presentation of the Shem Tov award is September 18 in Manchester in conjunction with a concert by Sam Glazer. Deb offered to carpool with board members planning to attend.
4. **Rabbi's Report**
 - a. School registration is underway, teaching staff is set. Project 43-45 students plus 8-10 Madrichim
 - b. Ruach Committee continues to work on a number of items.
 - i. Tisha B'Av service attracted over 30 people and was very well received
 - ii. Pot luck Reform Shabbat attended by 18-20 people
 - iii. Outdoor service at the Rabbi's home attended by 20-25
 - c. High Holiday planning continues
 - i. Ariel Wertheim will serve as cantor for the reform services
 - ii. New Reform Mahzors have arrived (cost was shared with Hillel) these are quite rich in content and different from the previously used Reform Mahzors.
 - iii. Family Service is being organized by Maddie
 - iv. Rachel is organizing the Tot Service
 - v. Conservative Yom Kippur service - Following the Shostakovich piece 6 singers will chant a section of the Chichester Psalms. Intention is prayer, not performance oriented.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Financial statements were circulated earlier in the afternoon.
 - b. In the black \$5,000, largely due to savings on the education director salary this year.
 - c. Currently \$20,000 behind in dues collections for this year.
 - i. Believed to be related to the conversion to electronic invoicing
 - ii. Electronic invoices will be issued regularly and paper mailing will follow to those members who do not pay electronically.
 - iii. Need to clarify/educate members about the option of paying by direct debit rather than using credit cards.

6. Membership Task Force (Rachel)

- a. Families with young children have expressed a desire to meet at the Roth Center for Shabbat Pot-luck a few times annually. Hillel has traditionally used the Roth Center on Friday nights and need to work out a space-sharing arrangement was identified. Recommendation to reconvene the Joint Planning and Building Committee (JPBC) which historically worked to optimize use of the space by both groups. Plan to reconvene this committee and also work more expeditiously to allow for a family pot-luck this fall.

7. New Members Report

- a. Rusty spoke with 3 families: 2 have joined, the third is expected to join

8. Communications/Website

- a. Keep bringing issues for modification and improvement to Laura and Rachel.
- b. We will need to recruit a new webmaster for when Maddie's has moved on (May 2017).

9. High Holidays

- a. Publicity
 - i. Valley News –schedule will not be posted but will refer readers to the UVJC website
 - ii. High Holiday Appeal letter will direct individuals to the website for registration
 - iii. Listserves will be used to notify the community of services
 - iv. UVJC Facebook page
- b. Verbal Appeal – need for representation at each service
 - i. Deb - traditional service
 - ii. Lori – Reform Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur
 - iii. Laura- Family Yom Kippur
- c. Ushers - Bill will email for volunteers
- d. BOT asked Rabbi to circulate a reminder letter to the schools about the High Holidays

10. **Education Director 2017/18** - Discussion "In Camera"

11. **Mah Johng Fundraiser** - November 6.

12. **Fund Raising Committee** - Rusty is organizing. Currently he and Rachel are members.

13. **Thank You** - Rusty recognized Deb's eight years of service as a member of the BOT and 3 years as president of the UVJC. She was presented with a gift of appreciation.

14. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully Submitted,
Robyn Jacobs
Secretary