

UVJC Board of Trustees
Executive Meeting Minutes
29 March 2017
7:00 pm – Roth Center for Jewish Life

Present: Sue Berg, Bill Brown; Deb Kaplan, Jeff Lubell, Laura Rosenthal, Rusty Sachs; Robert Shumsky
Members at Large: Debbe Callaghan, Thomas Cochran **Regrets:** Rabbi Boraz

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Executive BOT meeting 31 January 2017 minutes– Approved as submitted.

2. **Reports**

- a. **Security:** Debbe will put a committee together; send her suggestions for members. Plan to collect information on how other congregations are addressing security. Laura and Rusty reviewed building with Hanover Police, and received latest protocols from NH Jewish Federation. Reviewing Hebrew school protocols.
- b. **Ruach:** Meeting next week
 - 35 tickets to Opera Schmopera sold so far. Gloria is doing publicity. Tickets available at the door.
 - Jeff met with Pastor Jenny Anderson, St. Barnabus Episcopal Church in Norwich. Plan to continue dialogue about how our communities can interface.
 - Member interested in offering a spiritual service with guided meditation. BOT agreed we should encourage her to organize.
- c. **JFNH Film Festival (Debbe):** Disappointing turnout so far. About 35 people on Thursday and again on Sunday. Babysitter was available on Sunday – no kids showed. Plan to discuss with JFNH in Manchester whether we could consider collaborating with the WRJ Film Festival next year. We would be able to use their marketing. Without a way to attract more people it may not be in our best interest to offer the festival again as there is considerable cost (\$2,000) and time. commitment.
- d. **Mishpacha & Shem Tov awards:** Recipients will be Kathy Parsonnet and Lori Hirshfield. Appreciation to Gloria and her committee for excellent recommendations.
- e. **Czech Scroll and 20th Anniversary:** Thomas has received quote for restoration of \$15,500. UVJC and Hillel will each pay half. After discussion with Rabbi Boraz decision made to coordinate celebration with the 20th Anniversary. This will keep the focus of the celebration on Jewish Life of the UVJC beyond the building. Plans for fundraising for the restoration needs to be sensitive to Dartmouth College's plans for fundraising to avoid any conflict.
- f. **Treasurer's Report (Bill):** Income is within \$10,000 of last year (flat). Expenses are down mostly due to decreased teacher salary expenses. The Torah Restoration Fund will be emptied by the restoration of the Czech Scroll. The Rabbi's discretionary fund currently has \$12,000. Discussion that we should encourage donations to the general fund as this helps cover our overall operating costs. Members may not understand the importance of giving unrestricted donations.
- g. **Nominating Committee (Deb):** Deb Kaplan, Robyn Jacobs, and Lisa Silbert. Deb thanked those officers who agreed to serve another year. Deb, Robyn and Rachel are completing their terms on the BOT. Recommendation for one seat and seeking a second person. Let Deb know of any suggestions. We need to have a complete slate determined by our May meeting.

3. **Old Business**

- a. **Hebrew Name (Laura):** **Online** voting begins tomorrow, will be open until April 16. BOT will discuss at May meeting and decision will be announced at Annual Meeting on June 4.

- b. **Annual Dinner:** May 7, 2017. Vermont Kosher to cater. Volunteers needed.
- c. **Community Seder (Deb):** April 11, 2017. Vermont Kosher is catering. Deb, Felixa, and Lynn will set up. Deadline to register is this Friday. So far 50 adults and 4 children. Will plan on an additional 10% as often get last minute requests to attend.
- d. **Carole succession:** Carole will be retiring Mid June. Bill, Rusty, Laura & Robyn reviewed the job description. Position has been posted around the Upper Valley. Position is 30 hrs. /week, no benefits. Plan is for group interviews with Rusty, Bill and Laura. Finalists will meet with Rabbi and Claudia. Debbe suggested the group interview be followed by another interview with a BOT member to ensure consistency.

4. New Business

- a. **High Holidays:** Will need 2-3 people to fill in for Gary Schwartz. Dan Rockmore has agreed to assign readings and Tom Jacobs has volunteered to move the prayer books, etc. from the Roth Center to Rollins and Occum, a big cost savings.
- b. **Kitchen update:** Rusty and Tom Jacobs replaced all the cabinet handles in the kitchen.
- c. **Retreat follow-up:** Very engaging discussion about how to learn from our members what is important to them so we can better engage them. Will consider planning for one-on-one conversations with members and potentially non-members over the summer.
- d. **Hillel:** Hillel has requested permission from Dartmouth to hire a full-time executive director/Rabbi. Need more information to determine how this will impact the UVJC.

5. Next Meeting & Events:

- a. Community Seder: Tuesday, April 11
- b. Budget meeting: Wednesday, April 12
- c. Full BOT – Wednesday, May 3
- d. Annual Dinner: Sunday, May 7
- e. Annual Meeting: Sunday, June 4

Adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Berg
Secretary