

Kol H'Emek UVJC Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
6 December 2017
7:00 pm – Roth Center for Jewish Life

Present: Sue Berg, Alice Berliner, Bill Brown, Debbe Callaghan, Thomas Cochran, Felix Eskey, Paul Etkind, Jeff Lubell, Laura Rosenthal, Robert Shumsky, Stephen Woloshin
Regrets: Gloria Finkelstein, Matthew Henken, Rusty Sachs, Lynn Schwartz
Ex-Officio: Rabbi Boraz

1. **Call to Order & Welcome (Laura)** Jeff read prayer for peace.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** 1 November 2017 minutes approved as written.
3. **Rabbi Report:** Discontinued “happy hour” as participation was spotty.
4. **Treasurer Report (Bill):** All is good. School income is down – need to check with Chris if it’s because some haven’t yet paid tuition. Enrollment is about what it was last year. Our Sustainability Campaign is expecting some gifts of stock; need to have processes for rapid conversion to cash (motion):
Motion: Authorize the BOT and Bill Brown to establish a brokerage account at Ledyard Bank to receive securities to convert to cash to support the sustainability campaign. (Approved)
5. **20th anniversary & Torah celebration (Thomas):** Scheduled for March 23-25. Checking with *sofer* to be sure restoration is on schedule. Would like *sofer* to be involved in celebration. 3 subcommittees:
 1. Sunday events focused on the school (Melissa Herman & David Hoffer)
 2. Publicity (David Leib, Rob Gurwitt)
 3. Liturgy (Jeff & Thomas)
6. **Sustainability campaign (Debbe):** First meetings with donors set for this week. Reviewed pledge form & information sheet that will be left with potential donors. Have received 1st pledge, a couple more in the works. Goal is to raise \$500,000 over 5 years. All members and especially BOT members are encouraged to participate.
7. **Security:** Assessment in process. Involves Dartmouth Hillel.
8. **New Logo** – deferred to when Matt is available; awaiting refined options.
9. **NH federation film festival** Sunday, March 11, 2018. Need volunteers to preview films and market the event. Suggestions: collect emails of those attending, rent out the Nugget as this may attract a larger audience. Consider having Grades 3-7 attend. Consider charging if not at Dartmouth--we have not charged in the past but other groups have.
10. **The Connection (printed newsletter):** Discussion about discontinuing the mailed hard copy (six times a year) and creating a link in the Update to the online version. Some felt this would be a loss for those who read the hard copy. Concern that people would simply not read the online version. Question about how many read the paper version. Rabbi said many people comment to him about how much they enjoy it. Suggestion – when update membership ask if people want to keep receiving a hard copy.

11. Welcoming committee – Hilary Ryder has offered to take this on and BOT is grateful! Will ask Hilary to provide a regular report to the BOT. Discussion about name tags for BOT members to wear at social events. Will ask Chris to have these made and also always have nametag stickers and markers available at all social events.

12. Board succession plan (Laura): Laura’s family is moving to Vancouver, BC in late January. First VP (co-chair with Rusty) /BOT member needs to be replaced. Laura and Rusty have been in discussions: Debbe agreed to serve as First VP and Kathy Parsonnett will join the board. Laura will continue to serve through the transition.

Motion: Debbe Callaghan to assume the VP position starting Dec 11, 2018. (Approved)

Motion: Kathy Parsonnett to join the BOT starting Jan 4, 2018. (Approved)

13. Rabbi Search Committee (Jeff): We have 13 members on RSC. Community outreach subcommittee (4 RSC members plus 3 others) led by Amanda Silver to hold first meeting 12/7. They are getting input from a broad range of community members. Also using opportunity to engage people in thinking about the future of our community and identifying new leaders. Position description published 2 weeks ago. A good number of applications have been received so far. Will be scheduling phone interviews and then decide who to invite to in-person interviews. Need budget for recruiting (\$3-5,000?) to pay for travel to interview. Continuing to update Community as we reach milestones.

Roth Center Building Space: Need to start thinking about how to reconfigure office space since there may be a UVJC and a Hillel Rabbi. Also consider rethinking basement staff office space.

14. Next Meetings: Thursday Jan 4, Thursday Feb 1. Moved to Thursdays to avoid conflicting with UVJC-Hillel Film Series on Wednesdays in Jan and Feb.

Adjourned 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Berg, Secretary