

KOL HA'EMEK UVJC BOT

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 AT 7:00pm

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

- 1. Call to Order at 7:00 (Rusty)**
- 2. Minutes from March 11, 2018:** Approved with one change: to maintain confidentiality of candidate, remove name of Rabbi who was offered position.
- 3. Treasurer's Report (Bill):** We've had growth in overall expenses compared to last year but still expect to be in the black by the end of the year.
- 4. Ruach Committee (Jeff)**
 - a. June 2, Shabbat to honor Rabbi Boraz.
 - b. High school seniors' event: Input will be sought from the students to plan a meaningful event. This has been a highly engaged unique group.
 - c. High Holiday committee formation in near future
- 5. New Logo (Kathy):** Draft logo incorporating current UVJC menorah in the new logo was distributed. The congregant who designed the original logo has expressed interest in being involved in finalizing the new logo.
- 6. Roth Center Security Project – update (Debbe):** Cost of this will be shared with Hillel. Rabbi Boraz suggests waiting until the new Hillel director (Rabbi Meir Goldstein) starts in July. Concern about waiting was expressed. Debbe will reach out to Rabbi Daveen Litwin, Dean of the Tucker Center to discuss.
- 7. Education Committee – update (Felixa):** Felixa has been contacted by a Jewish storyteller who grew up in Norwich with an offer to perform at the Roth Center. Melissa Hermann was approached by the Hopkins Center about jointly sponsoring a Jewish Storyteller next year. Will review information about both when available.
- 8. Social Action – update:**
 - a. Lynn Schwartz hosted a successful potluck, with 12 attendees, to introduce the work of the committee.
 - b. Sue will ask Lynn and Alice Berliner of the SAC, and Felixa will ask Melissa, if there is interest in the SAC having a table at the Mitzvah fair.
 - c. April 15 at 4:00: Affordable Housing Listening event at the Congregational Church in Norwich.
 - d. ~30 people attended a program by the United Valley Interfaith Project (UVIP) about their work with immigrants.

9. Rabbi's Report (Rabbi Boraz)

- a. Congregant approached Rabbi with interest in Kol Ha'Emek hosting discussions related to social action and to Israel.
- b. Eastman Shabbat April 6
- c. April 11 Yom HaShoah. Thomas will invite students who traveled to Poland with him to present about this powerful experience.
- d. Two Torah Study groups and the Guide to the Perplexed group are ongoing
- e. April 15: Rabbi Boraz to participate in the Kearsarge Jewish Community's program in Newbury re: role of physicians in the holocaust. Paul will send information to Chris and Debbe to include in the update.

10. Event Recaps

- a. 20th Anniversary Mar 23-25/Torah Celebration –Fantastic, spirited, meaningful celebrations Friday and Saturday. About 100 attended on Saturday.
- b. Passover Community Seder –About 60 attended. The food was delicious and there was good feedback from participants.

11. New Business

- a. Nominating Committee (Rich Abel (Chair), Melissa Hermann, Debbe Callaghan, Rusty Sachs) has identified four members willing to serve on the BOT to fill the positions that will be vacated by Felixa, Rob, Lynn, and Bill.
- b. Budget Committee (Bill, Paul, Debbe, Rusty, Chris) - Meeting on 4/16 at 4:00.
- c. Annual dinner & Annual meeting: Plan a combined event in July. Consider having each committee set up a table so members can learn what the committees are doing. Debbe will advise Chris how to respond to inquiries about the annual dinner

12. Sustainability Campaign – update (Debbe): Currently at 59% of goal. Several meetings are scheduled. Plan to go public when reach 80% hopefully in the next month.

13. Rabbi Search Committee Report (Jeff/Kathy):

- a. Candidate is coming weekend of April 27 and will lead Friday evening service, tot Shabbat and Mincha service on Saturday. There is a bat mitzvah that weekend so candidate will not lead Saturday morning service.
- b. After the candidate visit the RSC will make a recommendation on next steps.

14. Events & Next meeting

- a. April 7: Celebrating Lenny
- b. April 14: Learners' Services
- c. April 14: Holocaust Remembrance Concert (Gloria will contact Chris re: publicizing)
- d. Rabbi visit 4/27-4/28
- e. **Next Meeting: Wed May 2.**

15. Adjournment 8:35

2018 Meetings: Budget Meeting-April 18; BOT: May 2, June 6, July 11, Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 3

Respectfully submitted

Susan Berg, Secretary