

TEMPLE SINAI BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

December 19, 2018

Present:

Lori Berman, Rita Brickman, Naomi Camper, Jill Chenok, Liz Dunst, Andrew Engel, Larry Freedman, Gary Friend, Nancy Golding, John Hellerman, Deborah Lewis, Mica Maltzman, Catherine Ribnick, Marcie Solomon, Laura Steel, Michael Sussman, Jean Veta, Regina Ziegler

Rabbi Roos, Rabbi Rosenwasser, Rabbi Goldstein, Cantor-Educator Robins

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Gary Friend at 7:35 PM

D'var Torah: Larry Freedman gave the D'var Torah.

Board operations and general business:

- **Board meeting minutes:** the November 2018 Board meeting minutes were approved.
- **Membership report:** the December 2018 membership report was approved.
- **Financial report:** Lewis reported that ½ way through fiscal year, the Temple is tracking right on budget – and commended Cantor Robins for her tight stewardship of the religious school budget.

Updates and discussion:

- **Development Report:** Speyer reported as of December 17th \$92,971 had been contributed to the 2019 Annual Fund, toward the \$225,000 FY 2019 goal. An additional \$55,007 had been received in initiatives supporting unrestricted operations and \$445,085 had been contributed to restricted funds. With two weeks remaining in the calendar year-end giving period there was optimism to remain on target for fiscal year fundraising. Speyer added that the Development Committee remains focused on carrying out the congregation's development messaging and marketing plan and in reinvigoration efforts around the Rimonim Legacy Society, to encourage long term investment in the Temple via charitable estate planning. Appreciation was offered to Rosann Wisman for leading a subcommittee of the Development Committee focused specifically on the Rimonim Society and working with volunteers and clergy to organize a Rimonim recognition Shabbat on April 12th.
- **Capital Campaign And Strategic Planning** – Camper reported that to date the Capital Campaign had secured just under \$6M from 95 families and an early February public launch was being planned. Camper reported the Congregational Segment was reviewing lists to open additional doors. Friend reported the Strategic Planning Committee met in November with a general consensus on facility priorities. Committee Chair Shaines will share recommendations in February to pass to the Building Committee for the next phase of work related to the renovation/expansion.
- **Participation in Women's March:** Kumin, Rudo, Klion, Brickman, and Goldstein reported on considerations of Temple Sinai engagement in the 2019 Women's March. A letter was drafted with the intention it be made available as a statement on why Temple Sinai is participating in the march. The board concluded that the written material be used as talking points to answer member questions, that

no written communication need be made proactively, and approved the temple providing transportation to members wishing to participate in the march. Two voted against and one abstention.

- **Religious School:** Cantor Robins provided an overview of religious school & youth and family programming.

Reports:

- **President's report:** as submitted.
- **Senior Rabbi's report:** as reported.
- **Executive Director's report:** as submitted.

Executive session:

- Personnel matters were discussed.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM

Respectfully submitted, Seth Speyer, Secretary