

TEMPLE SINAI ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 23, 2018

MINUTES

The meeting was **called to order** by President Gary Friend at 7:35 p.m.

Rabbis Roos, Rosenwasser and Goldstein together gave an **opening prayer** and Cantors Croen and Robins led a **prayer in song**.

Standard business:

- Parliamentarian Matthew Pachman reviewed the **rules of order** including time limits on debates and this was then approved by a majority.
- The **minutes** of the 2017 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Reports:

- **Annual Report** – Marcie Solomon, filling in for Strategic Planning Committee Chair Marsha Shaines, reviewed the report which notably reflects how congregational activities have not only grown in depth and breadth and show remarkable engagement, but they also continue to fulfill the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan.
- **Financial Report** – Executive Vice President Deborah Lewis reported that the year ended with a surplus of approximately \$100,000 owing to a highly successful year of giving as well as a \$25,000 Religious School surplus. The Annual Fund raised approximately \$195,000 which was \$30,000 short of the goal.
- **Senior Rabbi's Report** – Rabbi Roos thanked the other clergy and the outgoing and continuing committee chairs, officers and trustees for their dedicated service to the community. He

reviewed some of the many projects, programs, classes and services that are created and sustained by their generosity.

- **President's Report** – With great pride, Gary Friend reported on the engagement and vibrancy of the congregation: 1224 households, 494 Religious School students, 161 Nursery School students, 110 staff including 75 part-time teachers, 24 trustees and 6 ex-officio Board members and 23 committees. He also mentioned that Temple Sinai was the very first Reform congregation to become a Sanctuary congregation.

Action Items:

- **Election of Trustees, Officers, and Nominating Committee for 2018-2019** – Andrew Engel, Nominating Committee chair, thanked the Nominating Committee for their thoughtful work in coming forth with a slate that so well represents many of the constituencies of the congregation. The slate was unanimously passed.
- **Review and approval of budget for 2018-2019** – Deborah Lewis thanked the members of the Finance Committee. The budget, as submitted, passed without opposition.

Member Recognition:

- **50-year member milestones** – Marvin and Madeleine Kalb, Estelle Ladrey, Eleanor Lurensky and Judith Rosenberg were honored for their steadfast commitment throughout the life of the Temple.
- **Outgoing trustees, committee chairs and affiliate Presidents** – Appreciation was expressed for the dedicated work of outgoing trustees David Eichenbaum, Ann Ingram, Ellen Leibenluft and Dan Rosenblum and Outgoing Committee and Affiliate Chairs Maya Godofsky (Nursery School), Ilana Gordon (TSWRJ), Robert Hartheimer (Investment), Danielle Hazan (Sinaites), Barbara Kraft

(Social Action), Marcie Solomon (Strategic Planning), Tara Sonenshine (SinaiCares) and Michael Sussmann (Israel Affairs).

- **New committee and affiliate chairs** – New Committee chairs were welcomed: Daniel Cohen (Investment), Glenn Engelmann (Social Action), Mindy Garfinkel (Israel Affairs), Mica Maltzman (Sinaites) and Marsha Shaines (Strategic Planning).

Executive Session:

- **Professional staff agreements** for Rabbi Jonathan Roos in continuing his role of Senior Rabbi and for Robyn Helzner in her continuing role of Cantorial Soloist were both approved.

Other Business:

- Throughout the meeting Gary Friend invited congregants to speak of the **high points that they had experienced at Temple Sinai** during the past year. These included the Yom HaShoah service, Mussar class, adult Hebrew, serving on the Board, delivering challot, listening to and singing in the choir, Kehillat Shabbat services, appreciation for the SinaiCares Committee especially for the bus service from Friendship Heights and the feeling of genuine caring and that what one does at Temple Sinai matters more than what is said.
- **Raffle** – To add to the festive atmosphere, Membership Chair Jill Chenok conducted a raffle throughout the meeting. Members won a variety of prizes including theatre tickets, hamantaschen, a congregational dinner, a Chanukah swag bag and a space in the parking lot for a High Holiday service.

Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Solomon

