

**TEMPLE SINAI BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING –June 21, 2023**

**Present [meeting conducted in person and on Zoom]:** Naomi Camper, Dora Chen, Glenn Engelmann, Larry Freedman, Cathy Goldwyn, Cara Jablon, Ken Jaffe, Dan Koch, Laura Kolton, Sam Lehman, Ariel Levinson-Waldman, Myron Marlin, Anthony Murphy, Howard Oppenheim, Aaron Panner, Jonah Perlin, Catherine Ribnick, Sara Rosenblum, Dolores Siegel, Marcie Solomon, Seth Speyer, Laura Steel, Anita Stoll, Michael Sussmann, D. Jean Veta, Senior Rabbi Jonathan Roos, Cantor Educator Rebecca Robins, and Executive Director Ellen Agler.

**Call to order:** With a quorum of the Board members present, the meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Temple Sinai President Ken Jaffe.

**Blessings:** Rabbi Roos recited a Shehecheyanu blessing and said a few words about the prayer and how we have reason to celebrate special occasions – in this case the beginning of a new board year with new board members, among other wonderful events at Temple Sinai.

**D’var Torah:** Ken Jaffe delivered the D’var Torah.

**NEW BOARD YEAR MATTERS:**

- **New Board Year Matters and Board Orientation:** Following the welcome to all members, there was discussion of various Board matters, including roles and responsibilities, Board engagement, committees and program groups, calendaring, logistics, D’var Torah sign-ups, Board representatives at services, conflict of interest policy and forms for signature. The Orientation materials also included material about background checks and board biographies for posting to the website and other information.

**BOARD OPERATIONS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- **Board Meeting minutes:** The April 2023 Board Meeting minutes were approved.
- **Membership report:** The April/May 2023 membership report was approved.
- **Check Signing Authority Resolution** –The Check Signing Authority Resolution was approved (with those board members who were present and designated as signatories abstaining) authorizing Ken Jaffe (President), Glenn Engelmann (Executive Vice President), Diane Rudo (Treasurer), and Naomi Camper (Assistant Treasurer) to sign checks on behalf of Temple Sinai for the fiscal year 2023-2024, with two signatures required for checks written from Temple Sinai’s operating account.
- **Cantor Rachel Rhodes Discretionary Fund Resolution** – The Cantor Rachel Rhodes Discretionary Fund Resolution was approved.

#### **UPDATES AND DISCUSSION:**

- **Welcoming Cantor Rachel Rhodes:** Rabbi Roos provided a summary of planned activities to welcome incoming Senior Cantor Rachel Rhodes. Cantor Rhodes is in the process of transitioning into her new role and a committee has been formed to organize welcoming events and to be available for her and her family. Her first day will be Saturday, July 15, 2023, at which time Cantor Rhodes will co-lead Torah Study with Rabbi Roos and attend Kehillat Shabbat services. An oneg lunch to welcome her will follow services.
- **High Holidays Preview:** Rabbi Roos gave a preview of the upcoming services and activities for the High Holidays.
- **Capital Campaign:** Seth Speyer and Laura Steel provided an update regarding the status of the Board initiative to mark the end of the Campaign with a group tribute - a collaborative gift by current and former board members and officers celebrating the spirit of board service.

#### **REPORTS:**

- **President's Report** – no report is submitted this month.
- **Senior Rabbi's Report** – Rabbi Roos provided an oral report, highlighting the following: next week, Rabbi Diamondstein will begin his parental leave in anticipation of the addition of a new baby to his family and he will be on leave through the end of July 2023; Rabbi Goldstein will return from parental leave in early September 2023, in time for the High Holy Days; Senior Cantor Croen will officiate at services this weekend as she concludes her tenure before her retirement at the end of the month; and we are thrilled and honored that Temple Sinai is now the spiritual home of ten non-staff rabbis who are synagogue members.
- **Executive Director's Report** – as submitted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Board extends heartfelt condolences to Senior Cantor Laura Croen on the recent death of her mother. Congratulations and Mazel Tov to Rabbi Hannah Goldstein and her husband Josh Friedman on the birth of their twin girls, Sophie and Eve.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Steel, Secretary