

**Congregation B'nai Harim at the NCJCC**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2021**  
**Via Zoom 7:00PM**

❖ Call To Order: 7:05

◆ Board Members:

- David Azen
- Jan Brenner
- David Cohen
- Garrett Eckerling
- Max Eckerling
- Iola Gold
- Ruth Goodin
- Dan Kalt
- John Lamont
- Gordon Mann
- Shawn Polivoi
- Mya Russell
- Patti Smith
- Kinneret Vinitzky

◆ Board members not present:

◆ NCJCC staff: Teresa

◆ Guests:

- Eva Lamm-Ruben
- Mike Atlas

- Quorum verified

❖ Rabbi's words:

- Hold on to what you have and not just chase what's new

❖ Treasurer's report:

- Financials update and renewed discussion of the annual budget, projections and anticipated shortfall

- Jan shares concern regarding budget-has all the usual fundraisers built in, but due to covid we may not be able to have them, John Lamont says Ralph had a meeting and sounds like fair will be on
- Update status of success of recent ask-David interprets proposed budget for next year \$1323.57 at 70 families as the Operational expenses needed by each family unit and that amount should be included in the annual dues letter.
- Note to contemplate ways to improve our financial situation (come with ideas, I have some)
  - Jan moves to approves 2021-2022 budget as proposed by Mike Atlas
    - ◆ Gordon 2nds
    - ◆ All approve

❖ Secretary's report:

- Need to review and approve March minutes
- ACTION: Motion, Second, Discussion, Vote
- Jan motions to approve March minutes
  - Gordon 2nds
  - All approve
- Eva suggests sending out minutes to congregants each month. Decision is to have Mya forward approved minutes to Teresa and she can attach to the Schmooze.

❖ President's report:

- COVID-19 update and 5<sup>th</sup> Friday movie, now in red tier which is 25% capacity, people will bring own food to keep people out of kitchen since it's crowded
- Vaccinations for Covid now open to 16 years old and up, Teresa will send out link for sign ups with the county
- Annual Meeting Announcement and nominations-3 positions to elect- Kinneret for 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term and Shawn and John need to be elected because they were finishing out others terms
- Bylaws to be discussed in old business
- Correspondance- Wolfson family is a founding family that is moving away, ideas to make a plaque to honor founding members, lola's idea is to honor the 5 or so founding families by having an event in lieu of or in addition to the plaque, suggests planning outdoor event in conjunction with fundraising, Ruth mentions annual honoring of members, Eva suggests honoring volunteers and new members, discussion of combining events-fundraising, picnic, etc

❖ Standing Committee Reports:

- Religious school:
  - ◆ Kinneret report on Sunday school and Hebrew school-Iola reports that kids and families are very engaged- small but mighty, Shawn says the school is very important for his boys
- Rabbi's report:
  - ◆ Sunday evening 7pm Rabbi's Kids-Max and Alex regular attendees
  - ◆ June Bar Mitzvah with Lev and August 6 with Nicola
  - ◆ Carol, Iola, Debby and Kineret doing awesome job with Sunday/Hebrew school
  - ◆ Rabbi "office hours" [Sundays by appointment, 10am-11am]
  - ◆ Update on in person services since last meeting and current plan
  - ◆ Note to contemplate ways to connect with our congregants more other than our current programming (come with ideas, I have some)
  - ◆ Seder was well received
- Youth group report:
  - ◆ Dan has gotten first vaccine, so ready to start planning events next months
- Publicity report:
  - ◆ No report, Sisterhood sent in picture of them handing check to charity
- Membership report:
  - ◆ Update on Sisterhood/NCJCC membership
  - ◆ Woman in community has made contact with Jan, but hasn't come to anything yet
- Fundraising:
  - ◆ Update on drive through fundraisers, Rabbi Golf
  - ◆ Note to contemplate fundraising ideas (come with ideas, I have some)
- Sisterhood:
  - ◆ Ruth reports every month she gives report to Sisterhood on board meeting happenings, she will be president next year
  - ◆ Working on relationship building and showing the numbers to Sisterhood of operating costs
  - ◆ \$500 check for security system going out soon

- ◆ Interfaith food ministry requesting paper bags and egg cartons, canned food, collection for items can go in Schmooze
- Men's Club:
  - ◆ Gordon working on planning golf tournament, possibly May 22, 9 holes, raffle items, silent auction, box lunch of ruben sandwich or lox and bagels, \$25-40 depending on which course and other details
  - ◆ Bob Loenthal, Treasurer of Men's Club suggested donating Men's Club money to Sisterhood to donate on their behalf
  - ◆ Shawn suggested card playing with Men's Club and youth

#### ❖ Old Business:

- Security: Review status and next step-security equipment is in, need to schedule date for install, Beam did make another change on electrical to prevent fire alarm going off accidentally, may have a lead on the property in Nevada City with Jewish star that was possibly a Jewish summer camp, Ralph has been checking on yard and landscaper too
- Fire Alarm System and Comcast updates-still working with Beam and Gray's Electric, signed new Comcast contract
- Backyard: Garden of Remembrance (bury prayer books)
- Review Calendar, identify "point person"
- Review Bylaw changes-board action required to amend Bylaws either through membership at annual meeting and other changes don't need to be done at membership meeting depending on type of changes. Youth spot does change voting so that does have to be done at annual meeting, so might as well do all changes then. Bylaws state that all board members are supposed to be on a committee.
  - lola motions to approve amendments to bylaws as presented by David Cohen
    - ◆ Patti seconds
    - ◆ All approve
- Set date to Clean/Organize the NCJCC day (upstairs, attic, closets, etc)

#### ❖ New Business

- Annual Community Picnic Sunday May 16, 2021 11:30-2:30, Gordon/Men's Club to help with food
- Shawn Polvoi's letter-people connect to groups and people connect to us because we are very inclusive and Chabad is a great motivator for getting people connected to their Judaism, but for some, our organization might be more in line with what they're looking for and we should work on building on that and other forms of

outreach such as social media. Iola builds on that idea by harkening back to our origins of our founders as a Jewish Community Center,

- rabbi David mentions Into to Judaism class in fall, monthly article in paper starting in May

❖ Adjournment: 8:59

- Max motion to adjourn
- Rabbi Dave second

❖ Next Meeting: May 6, 2021 at 7pm to 9pm