

**TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES  
September 13, 2017**

Present: Lori Glasky, Matthew Griffin, Harvey Grossberg, Gary Holloway, Jack Holmes, Stacy Nagel, Melanie Pollak, Lew Siegler, Andrea Wasserman, Mitch Cohen (via Skype)

Staff: Rabbi Heidi Cohen, Esther Herst

Absent: Michele Shugarman, Bonnie Wenneberg, Cantor David Reinwald, Pam Ranta, Jodi Kaufman

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the communal blessing.

D'var Torah – Rabbi Cohen asked each member of the Board to share one personal goal they had for the coming year.

- As a community – come together and find common goals
- Practice mindfulness
- Survive the experience of college applications
- See and participate in more youth activities – the legacy of Judaism
- Participate more in my communities
- Be as or more productive
- Grow the mindset that everyone is important
- Restore work/family balance in my life
- Finish having the kids out of the nest
- Have Cindy return to full health and prepare for a wedding in May
- Find the “pause” in life – creating a balance to be present, learn, and absorb more

Minutes – unanimously approved for the July 12 Board Meeting, the August 6 Retreat, and the August 16 Special Board Meeting.

Finance Report – Harvey distributed a newly designed Treasurer’s Report for July 2017 and announced that our prior fiscal year was financially more successful than we had anticipated. We ended up \$11,000 in the black thanks to our Gala, our pre-school, and our staff working hard to hold the line on expenses. The Board suggested that a letter be sent to last year’s board sharing this information. Andrea did so.

Harvey noted that in July 2017 we collected more dues than in July 2016 because last year we were late in getting out renewals and statements.

Torah Restoration Project – the Board discussed a proposal from Sofer-on-Site to restore our Czech Holocaust Torah and, in the process, organize an 8 month process of community activities, educational programs, and visits from the sofer to ensure that every single person in the TBS community has a chance to write in the Torah. Board members raised questions about the costs, approximately \$60,000 over and above the actual restoration which will be covered by insurance money, and about how we will differentiate this experience from the Torah writing project that we undertook 12 years ago.

Gary moved and Matthew seconded that we approve the proposal from Sofer-on-Site. The motion passed unanimously.

Because of the length of the Torah Restoration Project discussion, we agreed that the other programmatic discussions on the agenda will be moved to next month's meeting.

Rabbi's Report – Rabbi noted that we have 20 singers in our choir for High Holy Days. We have a fall full of many B'nei Mitzvah and a shabbaton with Rabbi Donnell and Wendy Bokarsky on Oct 19-22. Rabbi also said that we have great sign-up response to our youth programming for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Interim Executive Director's Report – Esther emailed her report to the Board previously so only spoke to the highlights. The ED Search process is moving forward with skype interviews coming in the next weekend and a hope that we will have 2 or 3 candidates coming for on-site interviews in the following weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 with wishes of Shanah Tovah all around.