

Special board meeting via Zoom
8/3/2022

Call to order at 8:05

In attendance:

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| Mike Winston | Arnold Shugarman |
| Shani Boone | Ari Ohls |
| Jeff Merkow | Ruth Irving |
| Rachel Benson | Rabbi Sobel |
| Jeff Altshuler | Steffanie Belasco |
| Lori Griffin | Mitch Cohen |
| Karen Warren | |

4 things to discuss tonight- goal to end by 9 pm:

1. Hiring of Bill Shafton
 - a. The board was sent some MP3 files of samples of music
 - b. He was introduced to us by Cantor Mark Thompson
 - c. Rabbi has met with him and he is interested in being a musical soloist
 - d. He is a corporate lawyer
 - e. He is very spiritual and writes his own music
 - f. He feels what he is singing
 - g. He would be in addition to Cantor Thompson. He would be possibly 2 times per month beginning in September (when Cantor Thompson is not here)
 - h. Rabbi feels he will add a different element to our Shabbat services, he will be able to work musically with the congregation and possibly to put a musical shabbat every month
 - i. We budgeted \$36,000 for cantorial services this year. We have Cantor Thompson at \$25,000, so we still have \$ for musical support
 - j. There will be open ended language in the contract so that if it doesn't work out on either end, we can end the service.
 - k. Motion to have Bill Shafton be hired as a musical soloist for TBS
 - i. First - Jeff Merkow
 - ii. Second-Arnold Shugarman
 - iii. Motion passed 6-yes; 2-no; 1-abstention
2. Current status for Director of Education
 - a. Steffanie worked with Rabbi Lipper before he left and Rabbi Sobel has been working hard since she started.
 - b. April Akiva gave us names, and Lena Shuper stood out. She was involved with Irvine Day School. She has many skills that work well with what we need. She is very interested. We need to do final validation to determine if she is the right

person for us. A final interview will be happening soon. She would be part time with TBS. She has 2 kids. She works at the Culinary Institute of Jewish Learning. Rabbi feels very good about her, she has excellent follow through.

- c. Rabbi and Lena have also been speaking with potential teachers.
 - d. An interview will be set with Shani, Ari, Karen, Lori and Jeff A.
3. Parking Lot repaving
- a. 2015/2016 the parking lot was resurfaced. We are overdue
 - b. It should be sealed every 3-5 years
 - c. Goal to get it completed before HHD
 - d. Price is between 12-13k
 - e. Motion to approve resurfacing the parking lot
 - i. First: Jeff Altshuler
 - ii. Second: Mitch Cohen
 - iii. Motion passed 10-yes- passed unanimously
4. Rentals/MPR
- a. We have a neighbor behind the Temple who calls the police when TBS has events that are loud.
 - b. The City has written up a document that states that we can have events inside the main building but not in the MPR
 - c. The City has agreed that if we don't have events in the MPR, we are ok. We need to stop renting out the MPR
 - d. Rental revenue is negligible from the MPR
 - e. If we agree to not have rentals in the MPR, the City will dismiss the current issue but a new issue could at some point be brought up.
 - f. Motion to remove the MPR from the rental list
 - i. Passes unanimously
5. Echoes of Elul
- a. Jeff Merkow is asking the Board to write something if we chose about "new beginnings" what we are grateful for, what our goals are for the upcoming year, etc.

Upcoming: Board Retreat August 14th

Meeting adjourned at 9:03