

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) Meeting

September 19, 2023

- Call to Order 7:10 PM

Zoom Attendance: Harold Dembo, Annie Goldman, Bret Maxwell, Fern Roseman, Alyssa Weisbach, Dr. Andy Wagner, Alan Zelkowitz

In-Person Attendance: Becky Becker, Talia Block, Cheryl Braude, Hillary Elkins, Ari Footlik, Linda Foster, Suzy Hakimian, Jill Hartzman, Dr. Wendy Latash, Diana Lewis, Jill Olefsky, Neil Rosengard, Jill Roter, Edna Schrank, Brad Shaps, Laura Shulman, Howard Sigal, Sara Weinstein

Zoom Executive Committee: Ellen Grossman

In-Person Executive Committee: Dr. Bob Spector, Sue Lampert, Arlen Lasinsky, Jackie Zelkowitz, Randy Samborn, Steve Lessman, Charlette Stern, Robyn Rosengard, Dr. Rachel Laven, Andy Lebovitz, Howard Freidin, Rick Dissen, Ray Rokni, Elana Schrank, Bob Goldwin, Tanya Solomon

Zoom Past Presidents: Michael Balter, Barbara Gelfeld, Lily Zoberman

In-Person Past Presidents: Joel Greenman, Larry Grossman, David Hakimian, Brian Miller, Tami Rokni, Glen Roter, Marc Schwartz, Debbie Solomon, Michael Zaransky

Zoom Staff: Susan Karlinsky

In-Person Clergy and Staff: Rabbi Melman, Cantor Stoehr, Rabbi Chapman, Michael Garlin, Leann Blue

Absent: Steve Elisco, Roz Mokhtarian, Dr. Alan Shapiro, Michael Schneider

- D'var Torah by Rabbi Chapman
- Approval of minutes from August BOT
- President's Report: Dr. Bob Spector thanked the Clergy for their moving and meaningful Rosh Hashanah services. He also thanked the A/V crew for their streaming efforts. Dr. Bob will be out of town following Yom Kippur from 9/26 until 10/6.
- Executive Director's Report: Our new controller Laurie started part-time and is off to a great start. She will be working full-time on 10/2. High holiday ushering went smoothly as well.

- CBS Mission Moment was given by Dr. Bob regarding the evening of Selichot. The congregants from Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah in Wilmette were welcomed with open arms at CBS. They were very impressed with the building and facilities here at CBS and it made Dr. Bob appreciate what we have here in Northbrook.
- Executive Vice President's Report: Thank you to those that have signed up to attend morning and evening minyans. These assignments are now posted online.
- Dr. Bob gave an update on the Israeli bond appeal. Dr. Lee Shulman will give a brief non-political appeal next week at Yom Kippur services.
- Vice President Oral Reports
 - a. Programming/Randy Samborn: The 1st distinguished speaker program has over 500 registered. Also there is an informational meeting for the 2024 Civil Rights trip as well as the Sukkah Hop.
 - b. Men's Club/Bob Goldwin: Steaks in the Sukkah will be on 10/5. The CBS Sukkah will be built this Sunday; help is needed.
 - c. Fundraising/Ellen Grossman: 2/20/24 will be the CBS Fundraiser and will feature dueling pianos.
 - d. Youth/Rachel Laven: Planning has begun for a May 17-19, 2024 Shabbatone to be held at the Perlstein Center at Camp Chi.

No oral reports from: Membership/Jackie Zerkowitz, Sisterhood/Elana Schrank, Ritual/Steve Lessman, House/Arlen Lasinky, School/Charlotte Stern, Social Action/Robyn Rosengard, Finance/Howard Friedin, Sisterhood/Elana Schrank

- Board Development Activity led by Sue Lampert and Tanya Solomon on the topic of "Building Organizational Trust"
- Sue Lampert gave a presentation regarding the Strategic Plan. Tami Rokni led a motion to approve the strategic plan as presented tonight, seconded by Charlotte Stern. Motion Passed.
- Old Business: None
- New business: Rabbi Chapman plugged Sukkot Crafternoon on 9/26, open to all congregants
- Good & Welfare: Mazel Tov to the Zoberman family for the wedding of her sons (INSERT NAME HERE). Also Mazel Tov to David and Suzy Hakimian on the birth of their new grandson Ari. (IS

THIS CORRECT?) Lastly, condolences to Jack Knopoff and Roz Mokhtarian on the death of their beloved Karen.

- Move to adjourn meeting by Neil Rosengard, seconded by Debbie Solomon

Meeting moved to Executive Session

Rick Dissen led a presentation on the financial implications of a Cantor Sheini. Motion to create a Cantor Sheini position and begin a search committee led by Steve Lessman, seconded by Bob Goldwin. Motion passed. Dr Bob will present a search committee of Rick Dissen (Chair), Lily Zoberman, Annie Goldman, Steve Lessman, Adam Weinstock, and Sue Lampert. Motion to accept this search committee led by Randy Samborn, seconded by Bob Goldwin.

Motion to adjourn at 10:35 PM by Bob Goldwin, seconded by Robyn Rosengard.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Lebovitz