MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING(corrected)

MARCH 31st, 2025

- Call to Order 8:46 PM

  In-Person Attendance: Becky Becker, Talia Block, Jeremy Elkins, Frannie Goldwin, Ellen Grossman, Debbie Hamilton, Suzy Hakimian, Jill Hartzman, Arlen Lasinsky, Roz Mokhtarian, Jill Olefsky, Ron Rabinowitz, Neil Rosengard, Randy Samborn, Edna Schrank, Alan Shapiro, Laura Shulman, Sara Weinstein, and Alan Zelkowitz

  Zoom Attendance: Cheryl Braude, Annie Goldman, and Andy Wagner

  In-Person Executive Committee: Sue Lampert, Scott Rogoff, Jackie Zelkowitz, Brad Shaps, Robyn Rosengard, Andy Lebovitz, Leatte Gelfeld, Steve Lessman, Ray Rokni, Bob Goldwin, Charlotte Stern, Howard Sigal, Lani Schrank, Steve Zaacks, and Bob Spector

  Zoom Executive Committee: Rick Dissen

  Excused: Wendy Latash, Jill Roter
  Absent: Fern Roseman

  Past Presidents (In-Person and Zoom): Michael Balter, Jack Knopoff, Donald Levine, David Hakimian, Brian Miller, Donald Levine, Michael Zaransky, and Debbie Solomon

  Past Presidents Absent: Leonard Mason, Jerry Stanton, Barbara Petasnick, Barbara Gelfeld, Henry Rabinowitz, Larry Grossman, Glen Roter, Marc Schwartz, Joel Greensman, Tanya Solomon, and Joe Wolke.

  Clergy and Staff: Rabbi Chapman, Cantor Stoehr, Michael Garlin, and Stacy Ybarra

- D'vah Torah given by Cantor Stoehr

- Diane Halivni (guest) discussed the importance of voting in the Mercaz (Slate 17) elections.

- Approval of February 2025 Minutes

- Jeremy Elkins read a CBS Mission Moment on behalf of his wife Hillary regarding Cantor Stoehr's officiating of CBS Member Neil Blustein's funeral service

- President's Report: Sue Lampert congratulated the fundraising committee, cast and volunteers of the recent Purim Spiel. The CBS Annual Meeting will be held on May 19th, 2025. Two April meetings – Budget Meeting April 21st , BOT meeting April 29th

- Edna Schrank made a motion to hire Carly Wallenstein as Senior Director of Learning and Engagement, seconded by Robyn Rosengard. Motion passes.

- Scott Rogoff made a motion to spend up to $125,000 from the Building Fund for roof repair/replacement above Dickler Hall, seconded by Bob Goldwin. Motion passes.

- Rabbi Chapman discussed a new programming approach for FY 2025-26. From after the High Holidays until tentatively mid-March 2026, CBS will scale back the number of programs, etc., in order to let the 3 new CBS staff members adjust and let existing staff work on creating and innovating.

- VP Reports

    - Brad Shaps/Fundraising VP gave an update on how the Fundraising Committee is following the CBS Strategic Plan.

    - Steve Zaacks/Programming VP plugged Jonathan Greenblatt's upcoming talk this Thursday, April 3rd, here at CBS. Right now 780 people have registered.

    - Bob Goldwin/Men's Club gave details regarding a May 3rd event honoring this year's Kavod winner, Gary Solomon.

- Rick Dissen gave a presentation regarding some proposed bylaws modifications.

- Old Business: Bret Maxwell gave an update regarding the Endowment discussion that took place at last month's BOT meeting. Rick Dissen then made a motion to allow CBS to borrow $371,000 from our endowment to pay off 2 parsonage mortgages, with a promissory note to repay these endowment funds over 10 years at 5%. Motion was seconded by Scott Rogoff and subsequently passed.

- New Business: None

- Good and Welfare: None

- Motion to adjourn at 10:24 PM by Robyn Rosengard seconded by Bob Goldwin.

Respectively Submitted,

Andy Lebovitz