

EMANUEL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
2-20-24

Attendance: Andrea Goldenberg, Hilda Slivka, Lori Gottlieb, Tamar Margolis, Sheila Silverman, Melvin Simon, Marc Resnick, Faith Helene, Mark Jacobson, Lou Blumenfeld, Rona Gollob, Jackie Isaacson, Tammi Kraushaar, Carolyn Topol, Rachel Arnett, Emily Lebovitz-Miller, Rick Lasker, Jeremy Rubock, Thomas Mastronarde, Mickey Libbin, Michael Kamins, Amy Dembo, Jeffrey Cohen, Ken Simon, Reesa Olins, Deborah Zuckerman, Hannah Zwiebel, Rabbi Small

meeting called to order at 7:32pm

Motion (made by Rick Lasker/seconded by Emily Lebovitz-Miller) to accept consent agenda (minutes from January meeting with corrections, President's Report, Membership Report, Adult Ed Report, Social Action/Caring Report) passes unanimously

CEMETERY MOTION Tamar Margolis

The Cemetery Task Force and the Cemetery Committee have been meeting. There had been concern expressed about the proposed price increases as well as other issues to be addressed. In the meantime, internment prices from US Cemeteries have risen over the past several years, and we are losing money. An interim price increase has been proposed.

MOTION: (Made by Tamar Margolis/ seconded by Michael Kamins) **On an interim basis, beginning March 1, 2024, in order to close the daily operating deficit at the Cemetery, increase internment fees to \$2500 for members and \$5000 for nonmembers, as well as pass on any extra surcharges incurred from US Cemetery.**

YES 22 ABSTENTION 1

motion passes

TREASURER'S REPORT Michael Kamins, Mickey Libbin, & Amy Dembo

\$111,000 in investment income will come in close to the end of the fiscal year. Other investment funds have yet to be collected. Contributions includes some kol nidre monies, yizkor book, general fund, arms donations, to name a few.

LIFE CYCLE Tammi Kraushaar

New Members

Zachary Dubinsky

Dr. Eric Peters & Julia Wells, with Lucy Peters-Wells

motion (made by Jackie Isaacson/seconded by Rona Gollob) ***to accept new members passes unanimously***

Mazal Tov

Paul & Deborah Bettan, on the birth of their granddaughter, Molly Ruth Bettan. Parents are Seth & Aliza Bettan.

Barbara & Gerald Sperber, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Ilan Harry Sperber, in Newton, MA. Parents are Peter Sperber & Tova Speter

Jaime & Mark Seltzer on the birth of their granddaughter, Blake Dahlia Seltzer, daughter of Matthew & Brittney Seltzer

Gladys Mondshein, on the birth of her seventh great-grandchild, Lavi Mehlman of Ashkelon, Israel

Faith Helene, on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Harper Maeve Helene

Nehamas

El Malei Rachamim: God, full of compassion, grant perfect peace in the shelter of your Divine Presence to the souls of our dear departed Emanuel Family members who have gone to their Eternal Home during the past month:

Mildred (Millie) Krauss—sister of Moshe (Debbie) Zwang

Dr. Benson Horowitz—husband of Marcia Horowitz

Mary Louise Cohn--mother of the late Cantor Sanford Cohn; mother-in-law of Beth Polebaum and grandmother of Shoshi, Gavriel and Ari Cohn

Gerald (Jerry) Kalb—father of Lisa (Barry) Feigenbaum; grandfather of Melanie Feigenbaum and David Feigenbaum

Elaine Kauffman—mother of Marc (Ellen) Kaufmann, Susanne (Carl) Peterson and Steven (Joanne) Fruchtman

Master of Mercy, gather their souls into the bond of eternal life. We cherish their memories and appreciate the years we shared together with them in our beloved Emanuel Synagogue. We will remember them, their good deeds and good ways. Grant them eternal rest in Your Presence. Bring comfort to their mourners. May they rest in peace and may their memory be a blessing. And let us say, Amen.

NEW BUSINESS

Torah Restoration Project Sheila Silverman

We have passed the halfway point to our fundraising goal, and 50% of the monies have come from BOT members

Restroom Renovation Hilda Slivka

Tried to get three estimates for working on the renovation of the women's pink restroom adjacent to Silverman Auditorium, but only heard back from one contractor, who we had used successfully for the last bathroom renovations. In order to get an updated bid for the work, it is necessary to drill a hole in the ceiling near to sinks to look into the space to see if a section of wall is able to be taken down. We currently have \$11,000 in the Restroom Renovation Fund, and are hoping to also use the Gift Card monies of \$72,000 for the project.

MOTION: (made by Hilda Slivka/seconded by Andrea Goldenberg) **That we allocate \$2200 from the Bathroom Renovation Fund, for an exploratory survey to investigate functional structures and building code compliances in the Women's east restroom. This involves making a hole in the ceiling and covering it temporarily as well as further involvement with the previous architect.**

motion passes unanimously

Livestream Service Call Ken Simon

The upgrade to the livestream and zoom streaming services has been completed and all is working well. We are now able to zoom from the chapel, and plan to do so starting March 1.

Gate Automation Tom Mastronarde

Looking to install electronic locks on outdoor gates with the fencing to permit flexible access control. It will give us the option to lock the gates as well as limit access when we deem it necessary. The current master controller cannot do everything we need it to do. The BOT previously approved a \$37,000 expenditure from the Security Fund; more monies are needed.

MOTION: (made by Rick Lasker/seconded by Jeremy Rubock) **Move that the BOT allocate an additional \$12,000 from the Emanuel Security Fund to update the Building Security System to enable flexible access control for two gates**

motion passes unanimously

We have been working on five security projects over the last eighteen months, and four have been completed. We still have to install the chapel windows anti fragmentation protection. We are also working on a grant application from the State of CT for up to \$50,000 for our security projects.

adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30pm