

EMANUEL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3-15-22

IN ATTENDANCE: Ken Simon, Andrea Goldenberg, Fred Spaeth, Susan Goldberg, Alan Parker, Lou Blumenfeld, Rabbi Small, Mark Jacobson, Hannah Zweifel, Avi Cramer, Faith Helene, Meredith Smith, Rona Gollob, Jackie Isaacson, Tammi Kraushaar, Marsha Wolfberg, Sheila Silverman, Michalee Merritt, Reesa Olins, Fern Cohen, Hazzan Daniella Risman, Howard Smith, Koni Benita, Carolyn Sorkin, Deb Zuckerman

meeting called to order at 7:43pm

D'var torah by Carolyn Sorkin

Motion to accept minutes from February 2022 meeting passes with one abstention

HAZZAN'S REPORT Daniella Risman

Eight months ago today she joined the Emanuel.

Youth Activities: Leading religious services religious school; accessibility of T'filah to students; inviting kids onto bimah at services; growing as a team with Rabbi Small and Barbara Fink; working with 8 b'nah mitzvah students as well as supplementing sessions of others; supporting Rabbi Small in dealing with bereaved and ill - lack of bedside visits during Omicron but still reaching out; outreach to lay daveners; Shabbat on bimah in sanctuary as well as at youth services and tot shabbat; Worldwide wrap; Brotherhood dinner; Summerwood for Chanukah; Tu B'shavat; peace service for Ukraine; in kitchen with Regina Miller and crew..

RABBI'S REPORT David Small

Working to widen invitation of belonging. Working with cohort of 40 Rabbis meeting weekly for seven week, working on best practices. Currently focusing on reaching out personally to members; it makes a difference if the call comes from the Rabbi.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Kobi Benita

Mazal tov

Emily Lebovitz-Miller and Stan Miller on the birth of granddaughter Sydney Anna Sohcot, daughter of Danielle Miller and Steven Sohcot

Resignations

Drs. Stephen & Kathy Goldman

Alina & Jared Goldstein

motion to accept resignations passes unanimously

Nehamas

Cynthia Ward, mother of Chuck (Michelle) Ward

Dr. Harry Mancoll, brother of Dr. William (Anita) Mancoll

Dr. Oscar Weiss, father of Dr. Daniel (Danielle) Weiss

Samuel Gelfand, brother of Miriam (Jack) Bassok

Asked a question about building rentals: facility fee has been raised to \$3000 for an event.

HOUSE REPORT Howard Smith

Improvements to exterior lighting will be done in the spring. Synagogue skylights for sanctuary are one order: call Kobi if you want to sponsor one. AC on rooftop for Koret and sanctuary from 1992 and very close to end of life and needs to be replaced within next two years, Estimated cost is \$150,000. Security consultant has redlined wood doors with stained glass at back entrance and remote release for handicapped egress as a major issue.

MOTION: Expend \$1900 to retrofit pair of doors by back entrance with new controls for security and ease of access, with funding to come from Security Fund

20 YES

1 ABSTENTION

motion passes

Avi Cramer: looking to connect with other Emanuel families for holidays. They do not have other family in town and are looking for similarly situated members to celebrate holidays together. Ask people to send an email to the office? Rabbi Small coined the term "Seder matchmaker". Also get together for shabbat dinners? Work through membership committee and senior staff? Rabbi Small invited Avi to the next Thursday Senior staff meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Ken Simon

Meeting with Rabbi 2X a month, and Kobi 2X a month. Also attends Nominating Committee and Governance Committee meetings. Meets on Sundays with younger members of BOT. Working on Scholar in Residence Program for late April.

Strategic Plan: suggested by Alan Parker to add a "D": to engage all adults in lifelong Jewish learning." Continue to offer meaningful Jewish education to resonate with our adult community. Engage empty nesters and seniors. There will be "reviews" of the efficacy of the plan as time goes on.

MOTION: Adopt Strategic Plan with amendment

motion passes unanimously

BRAINSTORMING FOR GRATITUDE BOOK

Synagogue up and running on zoom

B'nai Mitzvah families with service and torah in their homes; people from a distance on zoom

Shiva minyans on zoom

Shabbat services accessible on zoom

Adult ed programs

Engagement programs

Sisterhood shabbat

Passover seders on zoom

Learning new skills

Bike rides with Moshe

Minyanim "core"

Pivot of Conservative movement

Live production of Ben's play

D'var Torah by Emmett Spaeth with Powerpoint

More time at home with families

What is normal? What can we do without?

We are all still here

Optional masking in Synagogue coming.....
meeting adjourned at 9:19pm