

**CBH Board of Directors
Minutes of Regular Meeting
South Classroom, CBH
December 10, 7:00 P.M.**

Directors Present: Steve Cohen, Co-President (acting Chair)
Barry Klein, Co-President
Janet Saunders, Secretary
Amy Abramson, Treasurer
Bonnie Berman
Steve Cohan
Elisabeth Dubin
Carmia Feldman
Aron Katz
Mitch Singer
Eileen Spoth
Shoshana Zatz

Directors Absent: Scott Weintraub

Quorum: Yes

Others present: Rabbi Greg Wolfe
Patrick Bell, Interim Executive Director
Ardyth Sokoler, Director of Education
Partners – Alan Hirsch, Julie Klein, Jodi Liederman

D'var Torah presented by Mitch Singer

Approval of Minutes of Prior Board Meetings

The Minutes of the Board meeting of November 12, 2019, are approved with the following amendment: The section captioned DHS Security Grant Update is amended to delete the first sentence of that section and substitute the following:

Elisabeth had previously been told that the grant projects (lighting, fencing and blast film) could be designed and detailed in 2020, but now has information from CalOES that these security projects need to be 100% shovel-ready by the 12/6/2020 submission deadline.

Partners' Comments: Julie Klein and Jodi Liederman,
2020 Gala/Fundraiser

It is proposed by Julie, Jodi and Barry that a fundraiser be held in the spring of 2020 (possibly May 3) as a party. Pledge funds to be raised in advance of the event; a pledge (of any amount)

is a ticket to the party. The honoree is Rabbi Greg in commemoration of his 25 years at CBH. Pursuant to this proposal, the Rabbi will be asked to raise \$20,000 (he upped it to \$25,000) and each Board member will be asked to raise \$5,000; Julie and Jodi will assist in creating fund raising teams and making other arrangements as necessary, with participation of other partners.

Partner Comments: Alan Hirsch,
Request for Review of Program Review Committee Decision on ZOA Program, See attached ZOA Program material.

Alan addressed the Board regarding the scheduled presentation by ZOA at a CBH sponsored event; he is concerned that ZOA has taken positions not consistent with CBH values. After a short discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: The Board ratifies the approval of the CBH Program Review Committee, with the condition that all advertising and notices for this program include the disclaimer: "The views of the speaker, sponsoring organization, or those expressed at this program are not necessarily the views of Congregation Bet Haverim." **Motion passed** – 7 votes in favor, 5 votes against.

Reports

Education Director's report [Ardyth]: See Ardyth's written report.

Ardyth has a Master's Degree in Jewish Education and School Leadership and extensive experience and involvement in Jewish education. Among her innovations at CBH are the F3 Shabbat Program. Held approximately one Shabbat a month, this event combines Friday night religious services with a catered dinner. It has attracted more than 100 people and all partners and Board members are encouraged to attend. The next F3 event will be in February. Also, enrollment in the Religious School is increased. About 96 students attend on Sunday mornings. A B'nai Mitzvah handbook has been prepared and efforts to develop and strength the curriculum continue.

Interim Executive Director's report [Patrick]: See the Interim Executive Director's written report.

Trudi Schwarz resigned and Rhoda Rohnstock has been hired as the Acting Director of Gan Haverim. The documents for the DHS grant were submitted on time. The committee for the Executive Director search will be Mitch, Steve Cohen, Steve Cohan, and Amy; three additional partners will also be appointed to the committee. Patrick is also working on an Organizational Assessment which will include an internal review of operations.

The Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter (IRWS) is at CBH for the week beginning December 9 and it is going well. There is a request for CBH to host for an additional week, the week of January 12, 2020.

Motion: The Board supports hosting IRWS for the week of January 12, 2020. **Motion passed.**

Rabbi's report [Rabbi]: See the Rabbi's written report.

The Rabbi will be off the last week in December and in January. He will be available in event of emergency. Rabbi Seth and Rabbi David are available during this time.

Treasurer's report [Amy]: See the Treasurer's written report.

Consent Calendar.

No items on calendar.

Announcements:

Please sign up to be greeters at services; this task is important for hospitality and some security along with providing an opportunity for worship.

Next Board Meeting: January 14, 2020.

Executive Committee January 7, 2020.

Upcoming Director Assignments:

D'var Torah and snacks: Shoshana, Parsha Shemot.

B'nai Mitvah presentation: Bonnie for Alex Erickson.

The Board moved to closed session mid-meeting at approximately 8:10 and resumed in open session at about 8:30. Meeting adjourned at about 9:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Janet Saunders

Minutes approved at Board meeting on January 14, 2020.