

Temple Shalom Executive Meeting (Zoom)

June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Stephen Falk, Laurel Fisher, Debra Levy Fritts, Lory Kohleriter, Steve Lewis, Rabbi Andrew Paley, Myron Schwitzer, Rodney Schlosser

Absent: Theresa Myers, Jason Gadsby

D'Var Torah: Given by Rabbi Paley

Covid Update: Debra reported that a mask optional regimen at worship services (for those vaccinated) will begin July 23. We will continue to monitor the trends. It is felt that we have a good system at present.

Steve Lewis advised that we will slowly move ahead in a safe and progressive manner, allowing small meetings, while requiring vaccination with masks optional.

Rabbi Paley reports that congregants have been patient and compliant. Questions have been raised regarding High Holy Day plans which are still in the planning stages. There is the possibility of having two services, in person, less music but still offering the familiar service. There is discussion about plans for the children, indoors or out. High Holy Days will be early this year occurring over Labor Day weekend.

Rabbi Paley reported about congregation **Shir Tikvah**, the small congregation of approximately 30 families in Frisco that we discussed at our retreat last month, recently disbanded. They will continue services under Temple Shalom's auspices at Faith Bridge Church with Rabbi Heidi Coretz, who has been the Shir Tikvah Rabbi, for the coming year. They have donated the sum of \$10,000 to Temple Shalom to cover these costs as part of their dissolution. We welcome any of their congregants to Temple Shalom.

Steve Lewis advised that Coram Deo Academy has finished painting some of the classrooms, replaced the old fencing and refurbished the playground. Inside, the school has painted the walls and doors of the religious school hallways.

Annual Fund: Debra reported that Kathryn Frish is working diligently to refresh plans for contacting donors.

Debra reported that Dennis Eichelbaum is working on plans for the Cornhole event.

Debra further advised that she is engaging board members to apply for the **Legacy Heritage Fund** OnBoard grant opportunity.

Debra announced that **Mark Stromberg** has been appointed our new **General Council**.

Survey Results: Debra announced that 281 people were surveyed and 212 completed the task. There is a positive response to on-line engagement (Zoom). Concerns were expressed regarding communication, young adult programming, the need to build relationships and friendships and a need for more members.

Liaisons to councils were announced and Mentees will be assigned to new board members. The second part of the Board Retreat will be held August 1.

Meeting adjourned for a brief Closed Session at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lory Kohleriter