

**Temple Shalom Board of Trustees
Executive Committee Meeting, Board Room
Monday, August 28, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Dennis Eichelbaum, President	X	Gail Enda, Treasurer	X
Theresa Myers, Executive VP	X	Laurel Fisher, Secretary	X
Terry Abel, Vice President	X	Debra Levy-Fritts, Past President	X
Stephanie Hirsh, Vice President		Rabbi Andrew Paley	X
Joel Guskin, Finance Director	X	David Lamden, Executive Director	X

D'var Torah – David Lamden

Audit Report – Joel Guskin

Joel reported that our finances are in pretty good shape.

Dennis raised the question of the Cemetery Fund finances. At present, we still “owe ourselves” approximately \$57,000 for money that we had shifted from this fund in the past. There was discussion as to whether we should “write off” that loss and commit to budgeting a certain amount to build the fund back up. (This would be in addition to the money we take in when we sell the plots that we currently own.) As it stands now, this is the only negative in the financial report. It was decided that since we have time before the next review, we can table this discussion for the time being.

Councils/Committees Update – Dennis Eichelbaum

Please send any updates to Joy prior to the High Holidays.

All Board Emails – Dennis Eichelbaum

In an effort to limit how often we send emails to the Temple Board; please contact Dennis should you want to get information out to the entire Board. He can either add it to the Friday email or help find the appropriate time to send it out so that it does not overlap with something else.

Retreat Recap

Board members felt that the restructured retreat format was a success. They enjoyed being together and working in the small groups to discuss the article. We will divide the rest of the retreat activities over the coming board meetings.

Fundraiser – Theresa Myers

We are moving in a positive direction toward the goal of raising \$36,000 with support from board members.

Communications Update – David Lamden

David has met with Diane Laner and asked her to chair the next phase of our communication strategy. They are currently mapping out which pieces can be implemented and how to best use the OnBoard Grant funds. Debra is still working to raise the remaining \$43,000 for OnBoard.

The Legacy Senior Communities – Dennis Eichelbaum

Dennis challenged us to think of ways to maintain and increase engagement with our members who live in the Legacy Senior Communities. In addition to worship opportunities, we could do holiday activities, or intergenerational programming. As we have several members living in these communities, perhaps we could try to engage them by bringing them down to Shalom. Rabbi Paley will reach out to Rivae Campo who is the Volunteer Engagement Manager. Steve Enda will work to contact someone at Legacy Midtown Park.

The Brandt Event - Dennis

Congregant Ed Brandt has come to Rabbi Paley and to Dennis with an idea for a program. He would like to write a play to be put on in the sanctuary. While we do not want to discourage his enthusiasm, the Executive Committee did not feel that his idea was fully formed at this point. Additionally, we do not have the paid staff to support this program and it was suggested that he contact one of the auxiliaries for assistance. Given that the calendar is generally put together a year in advance, there is also little chance that this program could be done soon.

This request does bring up a much larger question about what we need to do in the future with a request of this nature. Stephanie and Debra do have a Programming Proposal Form that was created last year which could give us some guidance. (Debra will be sending it along to David and Dennis) Dennis will follow up with Ed.

Active Shooter Response Update – Joel Guskin

The “Run, Hide, Fight” program with Bill Humphries will be presented on September 6th at 7:30pm. We have been getting RSVPs. In addition to the important video, there will be a site-specific discussion where Joel will share photos and video of specific areas of the building. Mercy Church has also been invited to attend.

Board Meeting Dinner

Gail has offered to bring the meal for the Board.
David will ask for RSVPs for the meeting so Dennis can determine if Zoom will be available.

JCC

Rabbi Paley and David met with Artie Allen of the JCC recently and we are still waiting for their response to our recent letter.

Next meeting is wed 9/20 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Respectfully Submitted by Laurel Fisher, Temple Shalom Secretary

Action Items:

Send Council/Committee Updates to Joy by the High Holidays

Rabbi Paley will reach out to Riva Campo at The Legacy Senior Communities

Steve Enda will reach out to contacts at the Legacy Midtown Park

Debra will email the Programming Proposal Form to David and Dennis

Dennis will follow up with Ed Brandt.

Gail will bring dinner for the Temple Board Meeting on September 5th.