

Temple Shalom Board of Trustees

Executive Committee Meeting, via Zoom

Monday, October 30, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

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	X	Rabbi Andrew Paley	x
Joel Guskin, Finance Director	x	David Lamden, Executive Director	X

D'var Torah – Debra Levy Fritts

- Debra shared about the conflict in Israel and pointed us to some Informative Podcasts:
 - Israel Story, Shalom Hartman Institute, and Times of Israel

Councils/Committees –

- Terri will circle back with Debbie Niederman about the Lifelong Learning Council
- Joel voiced a need for a Security Committee that could begin to consider some protocols/guidelines and would like suggestions for members. Stephanie suggested reaching out to those who attended the security briefing. Debra suggested he enlist Bill Humphries, perhaps as an ex officio member of the committee.
- Debra shared that the Tikkun Olam Council (along with Sisterhood) hosted a representative from RAC TX for a series of Listening Sessions. Over the weekend, Emily Bourgeois met with 25 people in Colleyville, 18 at Adat Chaverim, and we had almost 40 attendees at two gatherings over the weekend. Participants were able to voice their concerns on a variety of topics that are of concern and ways to engage to make Texas better.
- Mark Stromberg will continue to lead the Legal committee.
- Stephanie Russell will take on College Connections
- Gail has reached out to Paul Jacobs regarding Worship and will be meeting with him soon.

Fall Holiday Recap – Rabbi Paley

- We had a successful fall holiday season. We were able to use the Garden in new and innovative ways. We had Religious School, Chai House and overflowing Services in the Sukkah and we were able to livestream the services. Thanks to Brotherhood for providing the Sukkah and they have committed to purchasing the materials to make it even bigger next year. Gretchen and her team were able to make the Sukkah beautiful.
- Simchat Torah in the Zale Courtyard was also a great success.

Fundraisers – Theresa Myers and Stephanie Hirsh

- The **Golf Tournament** was a success, and a great time was had by all. At this time, we do not have all the numbers in, but we do know that the auction brought in \$15,000 (an increase over previous years).
- A solicitation letter will be sent to a broad range of members for the **OnBoard** matching grant by November 7th. We are hoping for \$50,000 in pledges by December 1st.
- **Annual Fund** has raised \$130,000, but still has more people to reach out to. The goal of \$170,000 is aspirational, but the committee is hopeful that they can be successful.

Communications Update – David Lamden

- David discussed the Onboard Grant, and what we might prioritize going forward, being prepared should we not raise more funds. We are sending this back to the Onboard Committee. Debra and Theresa will meet with David this week.

Legacy Update – Gail Enda

- Steve Enda has set up a meeting with Legacy Midtown Park to go over opportunities available to us. We envision three distinct avenues:
 1. Small Member gatherings to meet with Rabbi Paley and David Lamden
 2. Holding Shabbat Services on site – Fridays at 4pm
 3. Providing Programming (ie: Youth Choir to perform) Steve will brainstorm with the liaison, Stephanie, in order to get on their calendar.
- Dennis suggested that we hold a board meeting or executive committee meeting to connect with the residents. We could have a meet and greet prior to our meeting.
- Having a “welcoming committee,” could be helpful. Bob Weinfeld, Dorothy Garsson and Raelaine Radnitz serve this function at the Legacy Willowbend, and the community is very tight knit.

Upcoming Board Meetings

- The November 6th Dinner will be Potluck (sign-ups are going well)
- Dennis shared the agenda.
- Debbie Niederman will be our guest at the December meeting to give the Board an overview of the Lifelong Learning Department

Project Legacy / Archives

- This project is up and running again. Jeremy Devine is working with the archives committee to put together the information and creating the QR Codes.

Nominating Committee Update – Debra Levy Fritts

- The Nominating Committee has begun meeting and talking with board members.
- They will be looking to slate a board with 16 trustees and 8 executive team members.
- They have not gotten any applications yet, but they are looking for recommendations.

Staff Appreciation – David Lamden

- David shared that, rather than have the Executive Team host a Staff Holiday Lunch, the Staff would like to do it on their own. David will be using up to \$350 from the Employee Appreciation Fund to host a luncheon on Wednesday, December 13th.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Executive Board – Wednesday 11/29 at 6pm
- Board Meeting – Monday 12/11 at 7pm
- Past Presidents Meeting – Sunday 12/3

Security Grant

- Joel reported that we received a sizable federal grant for our security fence. He is going to reach out to double check some of the language for the required resolution.
- *Yasher Koach* to Joel and David for their hard work in making this happen.

Closed Session**Meeting Adjourned 7:15**

**Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Fisher
Secretary of the Board**