

**Peninsula Temple Sholom  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes from Meeting on January 20, 2016**

Attendees

<u>Board</u>		<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Nathaniel Bergson-Michelson	Habib Lichaa Heidi Schell	Rabbi Dan Feder Rabbi Molly Plotnik	David Monasch
Kristine Berman	Lauren Schlezinger	Allison Steckley	
Michael Fried	David Silberman	Karen Wisialowski	
April Glatt	Sharon Silverman		
Scott Haber	Yash Snider		
Jon Herstein	Arlene Rosenberg		
Ware Kushner	Nancy Sturm		

- I. Meeting called to order by President April Glatt at 6:15 PM. April introduced guest, David Monasch, Past President.
  - a. D'var Torah by David Silberman
  - b. Board Activity – We went around and shared our “New Year outlook: What do you want to accomplish this year on the Board?” with each other.
- II. New Business
  - a. Consent Agenda: Approved minutes and new members; dashboard presented.
  - b. Reports
    - i. President's report
      1. Rabbi Delson began maternity leave this past week.
      2. Nominating committee for president: April appointed Habib Lichaa, Yash Snider, and Sharon Silverman to serve on the nominating committee for president. There will be a motion next month.
      3. Nominating committee for board members: April asked those who may not continue on the board to let her know. The committee will be chaired by Brian Hafter, Past President. Board members who will serve on the committee are Jon Herstein, Ware Kushner, and Heidi Schell. April asked for recommendations of names of individuals who would like to serve as trustees. Arlene asked whether a board member who is up for renewal can serve on the nominating committee. April replied that our custom does not prohibit it.
      4. Directory is at the printer. There was a discussion of the merits of online directory versus print directory for the next cycle.

5. April acknowledged Fred Sturm and Michael Rochelle for making latkes at the Chanukah Shabbat.
  6. Financial Freedom – April shared that she, Rabbi Feder, Karen Wisialowski, and Ron Sosnick will meet with a small number of potential congregants regarding financial freedom. Those same congregants will not be double solicited for underwriting for the 60<sup>th</sup> celebration.
- ii. Rabbi's report
1. Rabbis' interfaith discussion group, convened by the JCRC – Rabbi Feder shared the value of this monthly interfaith discussion group, including increased understanding by Christian clergy of Jewish values, especially as it relates to Israel. "There is great value to be part of sacred conversations with those that are not necessarily like minded."
  2. Kolot – Rabbi Feder reminded the congregation that a lot of Kolot work is now happening behind the scenes. Our mental health initiative is now in the "research action" phase, which means that participants are gathering information and meeting others in the community that are also focused on mental health advocacy, programming, etc. Rabbi and April thanked Heidi Schell and Eric Schlezinger for their leadership. Heidi added that Kolot efforts are becoming a part of the fabric of our community, such as Sholom in the Home and Lifelong Learning programs.
- iii. CCO report – In addition to written report, Karen announced that budget process is underway. She asked the board to test our new online directory and event registration system.
- iv. Youth Engagement report by Rabbi Molly Plotnik – Rabbi Molly reported that NFTY's "West Coast Party" event was very well attended by PTS teens and that Max is now working on pairing parent events with teen events.
- v. Governance Task Force report by Arlene Rosenberg – Arlene shared the early work of the Governance Task Force, which was put together as a follow-up from the August Board retreat. So far, the task force is reviewing the following areas and will follow up with recommended changes for improvement in the coming months.
1. Committee structure
  2. Board function and effectiveness
  3. Nominating process
  4. Trustee evaluation system
- e. MOTION: To allocate \$12,659 from the Operating Reserve Fund to cover the cost of PTS' replacement telephone system that was installed December 2015. Motion made by David Silberman, seconded by Sharon Silverman. Background—Phone

system failed and was replaced in December. Motion passed.

- d. Teaching moment: Rabbi Feder.
- e. **DISCUSSION: Dashboard 101.** Karen Wisialowski led a discussion on updating the monthly dashboard to provide better, easier to digest information for the board each month. The board looked at alternatives and discussed the merits of various options. A task force will meet to work on a new dashboard draft: Jon Herstein, Ware Kushner, David Silberman, Michael Fried and Karen Wisialowski.

III. Closing Words, Meeting Adjourns at 8:40 PM