

Board of Trustees
June 14, 2017 ♦ 6:15 pm
Meeting Minutes - Approved

Chair: Lauren Schlezinger ♦ Minutes: Heidi Schell ♦ Timekeeper: Gene Podkaminer

Attendees

Board

Julie Feuchtwang
Lois Fried
Jon Herstein
Marilyn Hollinger
Ware Kuschner
Matt Mandel

Gene Podkaminer
Arlene Rosenberg
Heidi Schell
Lauren Schlezinger
Sharon Silverman
Yash Snider
Adam Steinberger

Staff

Rabbi Dan Feder
Josh Mason-Barkin

Guests

Jenna Fisher

Summary of General Trustee Action Items

1. Board members to continue scheduling one-on-one congregant meet ups over the summer.
2. Board members to suggest names of people to Sharon for High Holy Day Honors.

Meeting was called to order by President Lauren Schlezinger at 6:15PM.

Cultivating Sacred Space

1. Welcome & Blessing for Community Service 2 min
 - Lauren explained that tonight's meeting has a different and shorter format than normal since it falls in the same month during which the Annual Meeting is held. Tonight we're having a short meeting followed by a celebratory pizza dinner. Lauren welcomed newly elected Board member, Jenna Fisher, whose term begins on July 1, 2017. Board members introduced themselves and their roles.
2. D'var Torah – *Lauren Schlezinger* 5 min

Living Our Mission and Values

3. Status of Congregant Meet Ups 10 min Discussion
 - In past years Board members have made phone calls to selected member households encouraging them to renew their membership commitment. In the spirit of our core value of Human Connection, this year we took a different approach of engaging congregants in more meaningful one-on-one conversations. So far the experience has been positive and fruitful. **Action:** Board members to continue scheduling one-on-one congregant meet ups over the summer.

Important Dates for Trustees

Board Meetings—July 19 and August 14, 6:15pm
Executive Committee Meeting—July 27, 7:00pm

4. Cantorial Transition Check In

15 min Discussion

- Lauren facilitated a check in and gave a quick update following Cantor Barry's retirement announcement at the Annual Meeting. A question was raised about how current bar/bat mitzvah families are being impacted and how we are communicating with them. Rabbi Dan shared that targeted emails outlining relevant information were sent to all families with students becoming b'nai mitzvah through the end of calendar year 2018.
- Lois Fried shared that both gratitude and sadness were expressed about Cantor's retirement at the Sholom Women brunch. She noted there was also tremendous enthusiasm for the May 5, 2018 gala and other opportunities to celebrate Cantor in the coming year.
- Lauren shared that Scott Haber has agreed to co-chair the Cantor search committee. The primary goal for July 1, 2018 is to have great music, even if we need to adopt an interim solution in order to ensure that we find the right fit before hiring a permanent cantor.

Governance

5. Consent Agenda

2 min Vote

- Consent Agenda was approved with minor corrections to minutes and New Member Contact Info report.
- Josh noted that the site to access live streaming of services is live.sholom.org. Right now only streaming services from Sanctuary.
- Lauren shared information about the Nomination process for officers starting in July. Three Trustees volunteered to serve on this Committee (Sharon Silverman, Marilyn Hollinger and Yash Snider).
- Sharon and Sandy Oberstein are beginning to work on High Holy Day honors. **Action:** Please suggest names of people to Sharon or Sandy.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Dinner followed meeting.