

UVJC Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
1 November 2017
7:00 pm – Roth Center for Jewish Life

PRESENT: Alice Berliner, Bill Brown, Thomas Cochran, Felix Eskey, Paul Etkind, Gloria Finkelstein, Matthew Henken, Laura Rosenthal, Rusty Sachs, Lynn Schwartz and Rob Shumsky.

EX OFFICIO: Rabbi Boraz

REGRETS: Sue Berg, Debbe Callaghan, Jeff Lubell, Steve Woloshin

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME (Rusty).
Proposed meeting schedule approved: Dec 6, 2017 Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, Budget Meeting-TBA, May 2, June 6, July 11, Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 3, 2018.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: BOT meeting Sept 6 and Oct 18, 2017 approved.
3. TREASURERS REPORT (Bill): Income IS slightly behind last year – but too early for concern. Some members still not paid up. Banking running very smoothly with Chris.
4. RABBI'S REPORT: Great Shabbat service and catered lunch in honor of Gary Schwartz. Carolyn (leader of Social Action Committee) disappointed that the Board didn't approve signing off on the Immigrant Community letter. Some of the Board was not comfortable with the language, some of the Board was not comfortable with the political nature of the letter. Rabbi is working on re-writing the letter so that we might be comfortable signing it. Some concern that we need to better understand what we are signing, how it will be used.
5. 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION/TORAH RE-DEDICATION/FUNDRAISER: Thomas and his team continues to work on this. Debbe Callaghan continues to meet with potential leaders for a sustainability campaign.
6. NH JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL (Laura for Debbe): Debbe met White River Film Festival to see if we could collaborate with their film festivals – doesn't look like that will work. Debbe proposes showing 2 films (the entire festival) on March 11th as the previous planned date would interfere with Anniversary/ Scroll Celebrations. Debbe and her film committee will be screening films.
7. KOL HA'EMEK LOGO (Matthew): Presented 6 versions of the logo – which our graphic designer has been refining (pro bono). We had a brief discussion and he will get back to us with further tailored options at our next Board meeting.
8. ROTH CENTER SECURITY PROJECT: Sam Zucker working with College to obtain bids from contractors to bring the building into compliance with recently discussed plans.
9. EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Felix): Discussion regarding whether we should purchase a new computer for our Religious School Director – as requested by Melissa. She has been using her own laptop as the school computer dated and clunky. Agreed to provide better computer; ask Melissa to make a proposal so budget is known.). Discussion about whether Moose Mountain would be a good choice (again) for another retreat. Decision that this would be a good topic for Melissa and the school families to work out.

10. RUACH: Jeff's written report: On Sunday October 29, R' Bob Braitman provided an introduction to the Shabbat morning service. About 15 people attended, including both new and familiar faces. The first Learner's Service will be on Saturday, Nov. 18. Last Shabbat, Oct. 21, Amanda Silver, Samarra Clayman, Dianne Roston and Jeff Lubell led a contemplative service with about 20 people in attendance. In mid-December, we are planning a Friday night service and potluck dinner (latkes!) for Shabbat Hannukah.

11. RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE (Matthew and Rob; Rabbi excused himself): Search committee chairperson is Jeff. Things are progressing well. The RSC is drafting a job description. Researching salaries, posting places, organizing for community input. So far 4 people from the BOT and one whose BOT term just ended is the RSC – and 4-6 non-board members will likely be asked to join. Many community members are interested in being on the search committee – too many to be a productive group –the plan is to contact all of these people and elicit their input.

Rusty and Laura (once along with Matthew) have met with Hillel, the College Chaplain (R' Daveen Litwin) and College Presidents' office representatives– and this conversation is ongoing. Hillel is reviewing their hiring needs and we are discussing the prospects of sharing a Rabbi. We will continue to speak with Hillel, and will review the draft of the job description with them. The RSC is also reviewing whether we should search for an interim Rabbi and permanent Rabbi simultaneously. The Board will review the job description.

12. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 6 December at 7 pm

ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Schwartz (covering for Secretary Sue Berg)