

KOL HA'EMEK UVJC BOT
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 AT 7:00pm

Present: Sue Berg, Alice Berliner, Bill Brown, Debbe Callaghan, Thomas Cochran, Paul Etkind, Felixa Eskey, Jeff Lubell, Kathy Parsonnet, Rusty Sachs, Lynn Schwartz, Robert Shumsky, Stephen Woloshin

Regrets: Gloria Finkelstein, Matthew Henken

1. Call to Order at 7:03 (Rusty)

2. Minutes from April 2, 2018: Approved after correction of future meeting dates.

3. Rabbi Search Committee Report (Jeff):

- a. Rabbi Mark Melamut has accepted the position. There was over whelming approval for him among our congregation. He will begin August 1, 2018. The contract is for 3 years with a renewal decision to be made by 9/1/2020. The contract was discussed and Jeff will make a few minor edits.
- b. Various options for space for Rabbi Melamut and the new Hillel Rabbi are being considered. Once both Rabbis are here a process will be determined for how best to work together including the schedule of weekly Shabbat services and High Holiday services.
- c. The RSC will make a recommendation to the board about setting up a "transition committee" to include past BOT presidents. This committee may become a standing committee to assist the Rabbi.

4. Treasurer's Report (Bill):

- a. Income in May was down from last year since we did not hold an annual dinner and expenses were increased due to the Rabbi search.
- b. Expenses will be reduced in July as Rabbi Boraz leaves at the end of June and Rabbi Melamut begins in August.
- c. Will need to set up a new Rabbi discretionary fund. This is a separate checking account in the Rabbi's name. When money is needed it is transferred from the UVJC account to the checking account. This allows the Rabbi to maintain confidentiality when the money is used to assist a congregant.

5. Ruach Committee (Jeff)

- a. High school seniors' Shabbat and dinner was great. Over 50 attended the dinner.
- b. Shabbat morning celebration for Rabbi Boraz was standing room only. Several members spoke on behalf of themselves and the congregation.
- c. High Holiday Planning: Committee will reach out to students to be certain we are working together. Rollins is reserved. Occum Commons space is no longer available for non-residential life activities. Will check to see if there are other free options on campus. If there are not, will consider other options.

6. New Logo (Kathy): Followed up with Matt and the person who drew the original logo and both agreed to using the old image in conjunction with the new logo.

7. Education Committee (Felixa):

- a. Discussion about current remuneration for b'nai mitzvah tutors. We pay less than large cities however higher than other Dartmouth student positions so there is not a need to increase the rate.
- b. Felixa's term on the board is ending. Need to identify a new chair for this committee as well as a new board liaison. Melissa is approaching parents about serving on the committee.

8. Social Action Committee (Alice):

- a. Good volunteer coverage for the summer lunch program for needy kids.
- b. Plan to invite UVIP leader to present at a Lunch & Learn.
- c. Immigrant committee: Meriden church is setting up as a sanctuary. 12 UVJC members are volunteering.
- d. SAC presented on activities during Sunday school.
- e. Haven Dinners – in our 3rd year. This year served 8 dinners. Goal is to serve monthly once have enough volunteers.
- f. Will provide a high holiday Tzedakah recipient recommendation by the July 11th BOT meeting.

9. Annual Meeting: Set for June 10th at the Roth Center.

- a. The following votes will take place at the annual meeting:
 - i. Acceptance of Rabbi Melamut (terms of the contract will be shared)
 - ii. BOT slate:
 - 1. New Members – Laura Harris-Hirsch, Steven Kantor, Rob Greene, Bayle Drubel.
 - 2. Officers – President: Debbe Callaghan, VP: Kathy Parsonnet, Thomas Cochran, Jeff Lubell. Treasurer: Paul Etkind, Secretary: Sue Berg
 - iii. New Bylaws aligning fiscal year with BOT terms.

10. Sustainability Campaign (Debbe): Have reached 68% of goal with leads on additional people to approach.

11. Events & Next meeting

- a. Next Meeting: Wed July 11

12. Adjournment 8:15

2018 Meetings: BOT: July 11, Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 3

Respectfully submitted
Susan Berg, Secretary