

TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 21, 2011
MINUTES

Attendance:

Lisa Kantor, Angela Hyam, Ken Bernstein, Ken Miles, Howard Schnee, Steve Mermell, Bob Levine, Debby Lieber, Lloyd Cutler, Stephanie Howard, Sheila Reback, Bruce Hatkoff, Robert Cohn, Ava Silver, Marc Zev, Gail Karlin, Jay Sculler, Rabbi Lutz, Aaron Solomon, Brian Hatkoff, Joe Blachman, Robyn Blachman, Cantor Patti Linsky, Barry Pearlman, Janice Schneider and Wendy Krowne.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31p.m. in the Activity Center.

We recited the blessing and lit the Hannukiah. Stephanie Howard shared a D'var Torah.

Ava Silver motioned to approve the November Minutes and Lloyd Cutler seconded and the Minutes were approved.

Personnel Report:

Barry Pearlman presented his report of Cantor Roher's Review. The Board discussed the review. Debi Chesler's review is in process and Barry Pearlman is welcoming those who may want to be interviewed or send him emails.

General Business:

Lloyd Cutler is going to take the Board members off the basecamp system of communicating and posting reports and move the Board to Google groups. He will take all of the archived files to the Google groups. There was further discussion about the details and we will begin with the basics and go from there.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:19p.m.

Good and Welfare:

Cassandra Cohen will become a Bat Mitzvah in January. For her Mitzvah Project and in honor/memory of her friend Alexa Weiner (who lost her life to brain cancer at age 10) she will be enlarging and improving the ECEC garden as her Mitzvah Project. She is looking for donations to purchase the needed supplies, plants and trees and for volunteers to help do the work in early Spring.

In January, our ECE will have 47 children – 3 new 3-year olds and 2 new 2-year olds. That will put our numbers higher this year than last year.

Rabbi Lutz's Report: he went to the URJ Biennial, which was a wonderful experience and encouraged us to listen to Obama's speech to the Biennial attendees on the URJ website. It is the first time a President of the U.S. has ever spoken at a URJ Biennial. Rabbi went to a session on teen engagement, which he found enlightening and said that much of what he learned could be expanded to the whole congregation. Cantor Roher led a Friday morning service at the Biennial. Rabbi encouraged all of us on the Board to keep in mind that the next Biennial will be in San Diego and he would love to see a robust showing of TAS members at the Biennial.

Halli Steinberg wanted the Board to know that Debi Chesler received the letter and application for a program at CSUN called "Partners in Excellence". Debi applied, TAS was accepted and two CSUN Masters students and three mentors came to a staff meeting to meet the teachers and left questionnaires for our ECEC staff to fill out. They came numerous times (that were prearranged)

at different times of the day to observe. They then came to another staff meeting to present the findings of the questionnaires. They have had the opportunity to observe each teacher and classroom. They will be meeting with Debi, again, when their winter break is over. Debi and our ECEC staff will work together with the CSUN students and their mentors to determine what areas will be focused on, implementing some new ideas.

The students that Jody Rubin mentors are and have consistently been from the Pierce Child Development program.

To date, the year-end solicitation letter has raised about \$6,700.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Krowne
Recording Secretary