



Congregation Beth Shalom Annual Meeting May 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President, Hank Mart, at 10:02 AM. A certified quorum of 33 family units (23 % of our membership) was established.

D'VAR TORAH: Rabbi Torop gave the D'var *Torah*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Amy Weinstein motioned to approve the minutes from the May 2013 Annual Meeting. Cynthia Goldstein-Hart seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Amy Weinstein, Education Director of the Religious School, gave the report. See separate report filed with the secretary.

RABBI'S REPORT: Rabbi Torop reported that we had a busy year of Life Cycle events: 3 baby naming/Bris; 9 B'nai Mitzvah: 11 Confirmation Students, 2 weddings: 9 bereavement novices were sent out for close relatives: 1 memorial service. She thanked the following people: Amy Weinstein and Karen Blanchard for their dedication to the Religious School; Sandy Santucci who brings joy and love of music to the bimah each Shabbat; Joan Frankel whose passion for music and worship enrich us in many ways; Keren Vergon our B'nai Mitzvah tutor whose passion for Hebrew and teaching is displayed in the abilities of our B'nai Mitzvah students; and Mags Oldman our Temple Administrator who brings enthusiasm and laughter to her work. Rabbi Torop thanked Hank Mart for his years as President of the Board of Directors and his commitment to the temple. In recognition she gave him a gift. See full report filed separately with the Secretary.

BALLOT PROCESS: Mags Oldman explained the ballot process. See separate process, filed with the secretary. The 2013-2014 Slate of Offers was presented to the congregation and unanimously approved.

Executive Board: President, Jeff Newman; 1st Vice President, Gerry Pliner; 2nd Vice President, Errol Fishman; 3rd Vice President, Cynthia Goldstein-Hart.

Members at Large: Amy Tabak, Michelle Depmsey and Gayle Borgen.

The following are in their 2nd year of a two year term: Secretary, Toby Koch; Treasurer, Michael Barnett; Members at Large, Scott Hopkins, Seth Dugan and Dan Weinstein. Rabbi Torop said that the installation of the officers will be on Friday May 30, 2014, during the Shabbat worship service.

SIGNING OF THE COVENANT: Mags said that the brit (covenant) will be at the back of the sanctuary, for the officers to sign.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Michael Barnett, our newly elected treasurer introduced himself. See his report, filed separately, with the secretary. At the end of his report Michael asked if there were any questions.

Q Arlene Slater- Is the building fund continuing?

A Michael- The building fund is now a restricted fund to pay for replacements of aging items such as the air conditioning and the roof.

Q Arlene- so it is a two tier fund. First it was for a new building now it is for repairs and replacements.

A Michael- There are no tiers. "an assessment is an assessment"

Q Arlene- We did not end it when we said we were going to end it, are we going to end it this May?

A Hank Mart- There are three parts to our finances

1. We owe \$180,000.00 to Peter and Diane Jacobson, which is due on June 9, 2014. We had money in reserve from the JCC payoff, to pay the Jacobsons. The rest of the money to pay the Jacobsons will come from a new mortgage. We are looking at financing for ten years. We are currently working with three banks.
2. Dues commitment
3. The \$25.00 assessment helped pay for the air conditioner and funds our reserve/emergency fund account

Q Arlene- Is this for one year or indefinitely?

A Hank- We have \$30,000.00 in the account. We need \$62,000.00. Then we will cut it off.

Q Judy Jacobson Based on the fact that we need \$32,000.00 more how many years will it take to get there?

A Hank Wait for my speech.

Q Judy Jacobson When we sign our commitment letter, is there anything else we can do?

A Hank- No

Q Murray Dimant - Is the \$180,000.00 a mortgage or not?

A Michael- It is a note

Q Murry why can't you calculate when we will reach the \$62,000.00?

A Michael-people are in arrears with their commitment.

Q Judy Jacobson Is there a way to get people to pay?

A Hank We need a change of culture in the congregation.

Comments:

- **Jeff:** the \$30,000.00 deficit is a problem. The solutions are paying your commitment, connect to the community. We need include everyone. Make people feel valued so they will want to be included and pay their commitment.
- **Hank:** As a result of his article in the May Kibbitzer, we collected \$5,000.00 in aged dues.
- **Hank:** our bookkeeper gave notice several months ago. We will be outsourcing the bookkeeping to an accounting firm. That will save us some money.

STATE OF THE CONGREGATION Hank Mart said that he entitled his speech HOPE. He thanked his wife, Donna and his son, Daniel for their support when he spent time away from them performing the duties of the Presidency. He also thanked many others who helped support his efforts. See his full report filed separately, with the secretary.

There was a slide show of all the events and activities CBS enjoyed during Hank's term as President.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM

Recorded and written by Toby Koch