



Congregation Beth Shalom
of Brandon

Congregation Beth Shalom Annual Meeting
May 19, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Acting President, Gerry Pliner, at 10:13a.m. A quorum was established with 20 family units in good standing present. We also received 9 absentee ballots in advance of the meeting. There were 29 voting members.

Cabaret: Steve Feldman invited all attendees to the upcoming Cabaret scheduled for May 25th at 7:00p.m. at the Temple. The event is free; however, if an attendee is interested in a pizza dinner at 6:30p.m., they need to contact Jeff Newman. The cost of the dinner is \$9 per person.

Upcoming Temple Events: Mitch Baylis made the following announcements.

- Tickets are still available for the June 2 Ray's Ballgame;
- Raffles are still available for the Kate Spade bag. The Raffle will be drawn following the Cabaret.
- Attendees were asked to complete the Survey and furnish their name on the form before handing it in.
- On June 22nd, we will be offering a Cruise Show. The cruise show is free, but there will be a wine tasting provided for \$10 per person. The evening begins at 6:00p.m.

D'var Torah: The D'var Torah was given by Rabbi Bryan Mann.

Approval of Minutes: Mitch Baylis moved to approve the minutes from the 2018 annual meeting. Dave Friedman seconded the motion. There were 27 in favor. There were 2 abstentions. The minutes were approved.

President's Report: Gerry Pliner provided his State of the Congregation for 2019. Report is filed separately with the Secretary.

Life Cycle Events at Congregation Beth Shalom: Rabbi Bryan provided a report on this year's events. His report is filed separately with the secretary.

Religious School Administrator's Report Given by Sheila Fishman: The report is filed separately with the secretary.

Treasurers Report: The Report was provided by Allan Weber. Allan provided the proposed budget for 2019-2020. For 2018-19, Allan pointed out that our dues income was reduced by approximately 18%. This was partially due to a loss of members. Secondly, due to a computer glitch the Bookkeeper failed to properly invoice several members resulting in losses that now

require recovery from members. Then, our High Holy Day Appeal was approximately 22% below expectations. The Fundraising events were more successful than projected. Although Religious School income was reduced, it was able to minimize all expenses including all teachers providing services at no expense to the congregation. Further, supplies were donated by Sheila Fishman and Anna Feldman.

Regarding expenses, Allan reported that many committees have reduced their expenses. However, the mortgage, utilities and Rabbi salary were expenses which cannot be limited. He concluded that our 2018-19 deficit will be approximately \$25,000 while our projected deficit for 2019-2020 will be \$40,000. He reminded all attendees that that we need to be here to preserve the Jewish community.

Based upon a question raised, Gerry Pliner addressed our roofing issue. The insurance company stated that the cost to repair the portion of the roof damaged by the hurricane was less than the amount of our deductible, and therefore there will be no payment from them. However, our roofing contractor believes that the entire roof sustained hurricane damage. We currently have an attorney pursuing this claim.

A second question was raised regarding our reserve funds. Allan reported that there was approximately \$32,000 in the Building Fund and \$72,000 in the Endowment Fund.

A motion was made to adopt the proposed budget for 2019-20 by Ricki Bauman. The Motion was seconded by Alan Weiss. 28 members were in favor with one abstention. The Budget was approved.

Ballot Process & Vote. Secretary Sheila Fishman explained the ballot and the voting process. As per the Bylaws, a Nominating committee was formed to identify CBS members who could fill the seats of those finishing their term. The slate was approved by the Board at its March meeting and was published to the congregation 30 days prior to the annual meeting. No other names were submitted after the slate was published.

The ballot for 2019-2020 is as follows:

Treasurer: Allan Weber

Secretary: Sheila Fishman

Members at Large: Mitch Baylis, Julie Enszer, and Lea Garbett

A Motion was made by Ricki Bauman to adopt the Slate. It was seconded by Steve Feldman. 28 members were in favor with one abstention. The new Board was approved.

Adjournment: Dave Friedman moved to adjourn the meeting and Judith Pliner seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously, at 11:17a.m.

Recorded and written by Sheila Fishman