

**CONGREGATION KOL AMI**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday January 26, 2023**

**Attendance:** Stephen Ducar, Rebecca Lennard, Michelle Tell, Mollie Marks, Melissa Trapani, Gregory Eftimie, Holly Caplan, Casey Flancbaum, Bob Lennard, Rabbi Geoff Dennis

Guests: Howie Watt

**Call to Order**

Stephen Ducar

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

**Opening Prayer**

Rabbi Geoff Dennis

**Review and approval of the Minutes**

Michelle Tell

**President's Report**

Stephen Ducar

- a. Past Month's Activities
  - a. \$5000 donation was made to the General Fund
  - b. VP of Building & Maintenance & Executive VP positions are still vacant
  - c. The "K" on the front of the building was replaced
  - d. The dead bushes haven't been removed yet due to money & resources
  - e. Howie Watt spoke on behalf of the Friends of CKA committee
    - i. He sent out letters to board members
    - ii. He will help with conversations asking for money
    - iii. Laurie will be submitting something for the Blast
    - iv. Howie will start calling on the list Rabbi gave him on Sunday
    - v. Two (2) checks received thus far

**VP Report**

vacant

- a. Current Month's Activities
- b. Committee report

**Rabbi's Report**

Rabbi Geoff Dennis

- a. Chanukah Menorahthon was lovely and was attended by about 60 people; thanks to Dr Nicki for providing the music
- b. CKA participated in Festival of Light event put on by the City of Denton event  
Next year we should have a table
- c. CKA had a baby naming for the Berman family's daughter
- d. Rabbi participated in an interfaith retreat at Lake Texoma
- e. Rabbi attended a professional meeting of all the Rabbis of the Southwest. Changes are coming to the way NFTY functions
- f. Religious school restarted after winter break
- g. Rabbi is currently working with a very large conversion class. He is about to start his second Intro to Judaism class to accommodate the size of the conversion class

**Treasurer's Report**

Rebecca Lennard

- a. See attached report

**Committee Reports**

Committee Chairs

**Building**

vacant

**Cemetery**

Samson Flancbaum (absent)

Per Bob – more trees have been added

**Communications**

Bob Lennard

- a. Rescheduling video meeting at shul
- b. Restarting the Brotherhood is being considered
- c. Updates on the website
- d. No more Amazon Smile
- e. Friends of CKA
- f. Heartfelt Haftorah – subscriber numbers continue to climb
- g. Girl Scout Cookies are being donated to the FMPD and FMFD in appreciation for them closing watching over CKA
- h. Security grant meeting – Harold Harris is spearheading with another member who has grant writing experience
- i. Update on W2s, 1099s and taxes

**Education**

Casey Flancbaum

- a. Religious School is going well
- b. A few new kids have enrolled
- c. Casey is working to fill the Hebrew School gap left by Sedona Tevano. Considering a Duo Lingo program

**Fundraising**

Melissa Trapani

- a. Melissa announced the T-Shirt contest winners and displayed the winning designs
- b. Mahjong (not quite) a tournament – Mollie Marks will teach a class on how to play
- c. Teen Movie night

**Membership Recruitment**

Holly Caplan

- a. Holly would like to plan new member coffee talks. After discussion, it was determined that Sunday mornings would work well so that the new members could see Religious School in action. The annex is available then, except from 10-11:30am

**Membership Support**

Greg Eftimie

- a. Greg has created two (2) Care Calendars and has been happy with how quickly they are filling up. Discussion ensued on how to enable non-members to participate. It was decided that as they are needed, Greg would have to include this question as part of the interview with the person the calendar is being created for.
- b. Greg's committee is sending out birthday and sympathy cards

**Ritual**

Mollie Marks

- a. Mollie is working on scanning extra services to make available and easily accessible in the future

**Tikkun Olam**

Melissa Trapani

- a. Socks and underwear update – 250 individual items were collected and donated to the Presby Soup Kitchen
- b. March is Women's History month and CKA will be partnering up with Planned Parenthood
- c. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> CKA will observe Earth Day with a Yarn-a-Thon; weather permitting
- d. In May CKA will have a Kids Book drive and donations will be made to Lake Dallas
- e. Pride Month is in June and Melissa will coordinate with Flower Mound's activities

**Youth Programming**

Casey Flancbbaum

- a. Casey is planning a movie night/lock in/pj day at Sunday school
- b. Per Stephen Greene Family Camp is having a winter kallah
- c. Morgan Ducar is doing a Greene Family Camp presentation at the end of April

**Next Meeting** 2/23/2023**Review Action Items and Adjourn** Rebecca Lennard moved to adjourn, Mollie Marks seconded and the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.