

CONGREGATION KOL AMI
BOARD MEETING
Thursday October 26, 2023

Attendance: Stephen Ducar, Linda Tavano, Bob Lennard, Kenny Webman, Helena Shapp-Dossey, Don Dossey, Greg Eftimie, Brandi Hunter, Deb Kaufman

Call to Order Stephen Ducar
Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

Opening Prayer Helena Shapp-Dossey

Review and approval of the Minutes Linda Tavano
Helena moved to accept the minutes, Kenny seconded, and the motion carried.

President's Report Stephen Ducar

1. Thank you to the Board for leadership in running the High Holy Days. Ticketing process went well. There were a few walk ups. Ticket sales were higher in number than in the past three years. Raising the price worked out well because it brought in about \$12K (gross). Big thank you to Helena for stepping up to run the service when Rabbi got sick! Also thank you to Casey for suggesting and providing student volunteers for babysitting. The young ladies who volunteered did great, were helpful and reliable.
2. Mice love when we leave food out in the building. When we close on Friday nights, take the time to be sure food is put up and cleaned up. Steve can show us how to use the dishwasher. Use the food prep sinks only for food prep.
3. Closing officer be sure to check that doors are pulled closed. Take out the trash from Onegie Hall.

VP Report vacant

Rabbi's Report Rabbi Dennis - absent

Treasurer's Report Rebecca Lennard - absent

1. Still forecasting a loss but now it's smaller. High Holidays helped and some folks in arrears caught up. Waiting for the final number from North Texas Giving Day. (About \$2K should receive end of Nov) Up to 145 member families again.

Committee Reports **Committee Chairs**

Membership Support Greg Eftimie

1. Had a couple of Care Calendar events that weren't very successful over the summer. Problems with messages going to Spam and people live so spread out. Suggested we let folks know that they can give food gift cards.

Education Casey Flancbaum - Absent

Youth Programming

Casey Flancbaum – absent

1. Adam is on the Regional Board and working on a meeting in Jan or Feb that kids will be invited to.
2. Morgan will be doing a Greene camp presentation to the congregation.

Ritual

Helena Shapp-Dossey/Debra Kaufman

1. Good participation in High Holy Days. One family asked about Yiskor & Nilah service earlier in the day. Better for folks who are far from the temple. Suggested that they can do the service via zoom.
2. What happened to Break-the-Fast? It's usually done by Sisterhood. Should come back next year.
3. A couple of people asking about more music. We have fewer people (only 7) in the choir. Need volunteers.
4. Bob suggested for next year, video tape children's service so parents can watch the service while getting ready to go to services.

Building

Don Dossey

1. A few lights out in the Sanctuary.
2. Back door is opening sometimes, and it's been tweaked.
3. Some trees need mistletoe removal. (It kills trees) Steve has a trimmer he can use.
4. HVAC has been looked at and we keep maintenance up to keep repairs down.
5. Some playground equipment needs to be repaired. Had equipment washed.

Cemetery

Kenny Webman

1. Committee had a meeting. Roselawn stated that there was a complaint from someone for removing stones. Maintenance must be done so they get moved. (It's allowed.) Suggest putting a sign by the stone bowl letting visitors know that the stones are periodically returned to the bowl when maintenance is done. Suggest letting Roselawn know that it would help if they didn't do maintenance right before High holy days. Kenny will talk to Kasy.
2. Don suggested putting something in the blast about the regular maintenance done and stones go into the rock bowl. (including "special" stones.) Deb suggested sending a letter to the plot owners.

Communications Bob Lennard

1. Updating the web site.
2. Auto payments on Givebutter is working well. Saving in credit card fees every month from members who added fees to their payment.
3. No major repairs needed and no roof leaks!!
4. The refrigerator is not cooling properly and needs to be looked at.
5. New Members – applications include items they are interested in. Would be helpful for VP of membership to contact new members and acknowledge their interests.

Fundraising

Vacant

Membership Recruitment

Rachel Cohen-Miller - Absent

Tikkun Olam

Brandi Hunter

1. High Holy Day food drive went very well. Community donated 12,000 pounds. CKA donated over 60 bags. Thank you to Helena for helping.
2. Meeting on Monday to discuss suggestions such as: Doing something to help Israel. Sock and underwear drive. Making Chanukah cards. Toiletry drive for retirement communities. Children's book drive. Kyle's place – Holiday gift drive for the teenagers – or providing meals.
3. Rabbi has info for organizations in Israel. Helena suggests helping both groups (Israeli & Palestinians)

New Business

1. Quiz night – Lead by Jeff Cagle.
2. Susan Colin Fundraiser Concert in March, suggested dates Sat - 9, 16, 30 or Sun 30 10, 16, 31 Will it include more than Jewish music? Invite outside people? We agreed that the March 16th would be the best date.
3. Rabbi's 25 Anniversary at CKA is coming up. Need ideas for that.
4. Joanne Barnes has a friend with a liquor store who might donate some nice bottles of wine and liquor. We could raffle them for example. Suggested doing it with quiz night.
5. We started charging for non-members to attend CKA courses. For example, Intro to Judaism and American Scripture Project.
6. Bob can help production value on what Rabbi has been filming. Videos in short form can go on Tik Tok. Getting more viewers allows Rabbi to go live and CKA can get donations.

Next Meeting

Board meets virtually on Dec 28 @7pm. Link is on the CKA calendar.

Review Action Items and Adjourn

Helena Shapp-Dossey moved to adjourn, Kenny Webman seconded, and the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.