

**CONGREGATION KOL AMI**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday April 18, 2024**

**Attendance:** Stephen Ducar, Rabbi Dennis, Linda Tavano, Kenny Webman, Helena Shapp-Dossey, Don Dossey, Steve Dubner, Casey Flanbaum

**Call to Order** Stephen Ducar

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm

**Opening Prayer** Rabbi Dennis

**Review and approval of the Minutes** Linda Tavano

Based on corrected version, motion to approve last meeting minutes by Linda Tavano, Kenny seconded and the motion carried.

**President's Report** Stephen Ducar

1. Held the Music Cornucopia and made over \$3,000. Big thank you to Toby Rotman for organizing the event.
2. Recently received some nice donations.
3. Sunday had some clean up done with landscaping outside.
4. Have some trees by the transformer that we're asking Coserv to remove. Provided a letter of authorization to Coserv. Awaiting their response.
5. Grant work for Security is on-going.
6. The fundraising event on May 18 is Quiz Night. Ticket sales have started.

**VP Report** Stephen Dubner

Nothing to report.

**Rabbi's Report** Rabbi Dennis

1. Purim went very well. Casey pulled everything together for the play.
2. Life cycle events: Two B'nai Mitzvot; had a Bris for Burman grandchild; officiated a Wedding in Ft. Worth; held a Memorial service and had First Grade Consecration.
3. Continuing with American Scripture Project.
4. Attended an LISD Clergy Conference and was able to interact with LISD Superintendent and area clergy.
5. Held a discussion at UNT with two Israeli IDF Veterans presenting. Tickets were required to attend. Afterwards, held a lively discussion with protesters outside.
6. So far, about 50 people are planning to attend the second night seder.
7. The 20's and 30's Chaverim held a Purim event before Purim.

**Treasurer's Report** Rebecca Lennard - Absent

1. Financials were provided earlier. Have about \$36k in our account.

**Committee Reports****Committee Chairs****Membership Support**

Greg Eftimie - Absent

**Education**

Casey Flancbaum

1. Almost done with Religious School. Have holiday week off then final week and color war on the first day of May.
2. Experimented with older Madrichim helping youngest students. Worked out very well. Good experience for both age groups.
3. Next year Casey wants to create a buddy system for post Bnai mitzvot. Having the older students helping younger grades with mostly service Hebrew.
4. Have had a Hebrew teacher for the last couple of months but he can't return. We will need a teacher or Casey will do it.

**Youth Programming**

Casey Flancbaum

1. Had a lock in and decorated for Purim.
2. Renovating (updating) the annex at kid's expense and labor.
3. Next month's regional event has been postponed.
4. Carly Wischnewsky and Juli Greenberg are leading the middle School Youth Group.

**Ritual**

Helena Shapp-Dossey

1. No Report this month.

**Building**

Don Dossey

1. Roofers came and looked at roof after hail. Repair not needed but there is some water on the roof, Steve and Don cleaned up the water.
2. Hot water heater had a valve stuck open and was repaired.
3. Sprinkler system was repaired.
4. Ordered a plumbing access door (for viewing/repairs) for men's room. Checked into the wall and found no leak.
5. New slabs are moving so there is a foundation issue. Cracks in brick and doors sticking. So we have to figure out how to deal with foundation.
6. Will be spraying for poison ivy elimination— after rain is finished.
7. Rock box at cemetery is repaired. Don also removed some rocks so there are not more than needed.

**Cemetery**

Kenny Webman

1. Have sold two plots.
2. Cemetery committee wants to post signs regarding periodic stone removal for maintenance.
3. Kenny will be meeting with Kacy Wozniak regarding the sign and High Holy Day Holiday schedule, so stones aren't removed during that time.
4. Kenny is working with Kacy on a place for people to put stones while waiting 11 months for markers.

**Communications**

Bob Lennard - Absent

**Fundraising**

Vacant

**Membership Recruitment**

Rachel Cohen-Miller - Absent

**Tikkun Olam**

Brandi Hunter - Absent

1. Friends of the Family hygiene drive on-going. Please help support this drive.

**New Business**

1. Elissa will not be doing Café Kol Ami next year. She will be putting together a guide for whoever does it next year.
2. Casey was thinking about having older kids help set up and monitor the Café. (Not provide supplies)
3. Notice in blast – there is too much in the fridge & freezer and it's being cleaned out. Shouldn't be used for on-going storage other than Onegs or special events.
4. Rabbi's contract is coming due. Steve has a word copy from Rabbi. He is willing to stay at least one year after his contract expires. (June 2026) We will have to start looking into what we want to do next.

**Next Meeting**

Board meets virtually on May 30 @7pm. Link is on the CKA calendar.

**Review Action Items and Adjourn**

Kenny Webman motioned to adjourn the meeting; Don Dossey seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.