

CONGREGATION KOL AMI
BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 17, 2025

Attendance: Stephen Dubner, Brandi Hunter, Becky Lennard, Starr Leva, Adam Johnson, Amy Johnson, Kenny Webman, Elizabeth Kennedy, Melissa Hart, Rabbi Dennis, and Howie Watt.

Call to Order Stephen Dubner

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Opening Prayer Rabbi Geoff Dennis

Review and approval of the Minutes N/A

President's Report Stephen Dubner

President Stephen Dubner asked about the previous Board Meeting minutes and mentioned that he is learning as he goes. Steve spoke about having Shabbat Dinners and mentioned service center (FM) has different vendors.

VP Report Brandi Hunter

Brandi stepped up from Tikkun Olam to fill the Executive VP position leaving a vacancy in Tikkun Olam.

Bob Lennard

Bob addressed the Board with routine procedures and demonstrations:

1. Routine for opening and closing the building.
2. Kitchen: a) Dishwasher, b) Sinks, c) Storage Closets, d) Refrigerators, e) Janitor Closet
3. Accessory Door
4. Lights
5. Panic Button, Alarm Rotation, Emergency Calls, Fire Department
6. Contacts, Emails, Name Badges
7. Drop Box: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary

Rabbi's Report Rabbi Dennis

Jewish Federation – issues affecting Jews

Rabbi spoke about the search for a new Rabbi. A “search for a new Rabbi committee” is complete.

Temple Happenings:

1. Shavuot – There were 4 speakers. 33 people attended and half stayed to midnight.
2. Marc Davis – Memorial and Interment
3. Lindsay Lev – Adult Bat Mitzvah
4. Cemetery Unveiling
5. Hebrew Class – Sunday AM and Wednesday PM
6. Temple Shalom – Awareness and sympathy for refugees
7. Rabbi Vacation in August

Treasurer's Report

Becky Lennard

1. Membership is down to 127/128 families.
2. We are over-budget.
3. Two families (with kids) left the congregation for a Chabad.
4. Suggestions on how to reach out and increase membership - Intro to Judaism Class by the Rabbi

Daily Balances as of 8/21/2025:

Pay Pal: \$

Givebutter: \$

Fundraising Account Total: \$

 Mitzvah Magic: \$

 Prior Funds: \$

Youth Group: \$

Cemetery Account: \$

General Checking: \$

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: \$

Playground Savings: \$

Committee Reports

Committee Chairs

Building

Don Dossey & Bill Wilson

Nothing to report.

Membership Support

Elizabeth Kennedy

Nothing to report.

Communications

Melissa Hart

Notices should be submitted with visual aids (pictures, drawings, charts) to increase interest.

Education

Adam Johnson

Religious School Open House was August 7, 2025. Continuing to work on a new curriculum.

Youth Programming

Nothing to report

Ritual

Amy Johnson

Discussion on continuing to develop rituals and education. A Havdalah service was considered.

Cemetery

Kenny Webman

1. Report on the cemetery at Roselawn Memorial Garden in Denton.
2. Cost of plots: \$4,000/members and \$5,500/non-members.
3. Presently, there are 126 plots available and more can be purchased at a later date, 25 at a time.

Fundraising

Howie Watt

Currently open to suggestions.

Membership Recruitment

Vacant

Tikkun Olam

Vacant

**Review Old Business/ New Business and Action Items/ Follow-Up:
Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM**

Next Meeting CKA Board Meeting on Thursday, September 18