

**Chadeish Yameinu  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 15, 2009  
6:00 PM Aptos Fire Station**

**Minutes**

Attending Board Members: Batya Kagan; George Lewis (Secretary); Jan Leininger (Treasurer); Joe Katzman; Michael Yosef; Rabbi Eli Cohen: Absent Board Member: Howie Schneider (President); Barbara Nicoara; John Byrne; Linda Byrne:

*ORIENTATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY*

Opening Nigun - Batya Kagan

Resignation of Board Member

It was announced that Barbara Nicoara has resigned from the Board

In the absence of the president, Batya Kagan presided.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of January 18, 2009 were approved.

To do review:

Secretary Lewis went over the "To Do" list from the January meeting.

*IMMEDIATE BUSINESS*

Financial Report

Treasurer Jan Leininger reported that income during January was minimal. Expenses were as planned. It was reported that in the first portion of February, some unexpected income has been received.

Policy on endorsement, sponsorship and co-sponsorship

The Board defined the three terms as stated below:

Sponsorship:

Where we are totally responsible for the event, including costs, staffing. This is for a CY event such as our regular services, Holiday services, or a CY sponsored fund raiser

Co-Sponsorship:

Where we collaborate with another group for an event, where we have a limited role, and our cost are limited to a certain dollar amount. Example Purim with Temple Beth El

Endorsement

Where a member or group puts on an event which the Board feels will be of interest to our members, and in accordance with our mission. We will publicize it on our event list. Example would be the Drumming sessions in December..

All of these events require approval of the Board.

Membership Report

Eli has been contacting those who have not renewed, and has had commitment from 3 families to renew.

Change of Moderation of List Serve/List Serve issues-

The Board voted to take a limited action on this item at this time. The action was to prohibit any advocacy for political candidates and political parties on the list serve. This action was specifically taken to protect our status with the IRS as a charitable organization. A message will be sent out to the list serve to determine their concerns on limiting other political issues. Joe Katzman will make sure the information is forwarded to the members, and to set up a dialogue

regarding the use of the list serve regarding other political issues.

#### Passover Seder Planning

Planning committee reported the availability of the First Congregational Church for the Seder on Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>. The event to start at 6PM. Estimate cost to be \$600 for the event. Linda Byrne was authorized to sign contract for the space. A donation of \$5 per person for members and \$10 per person for non members was approved .

#### Finance Committee Report

The Finance committee reported they had been meeting to decide how to deal with the issue of sustainability. In order to determine what the community wants and what they will support, they are going to hold meetings with small groups of members in homes to talk about the needs and desires.

#### Proposal to eliminate one Shabbat service per month at First Congregational Church.

The Board voted not to consider the elimination of one service in that all of the second Friday services through June are currently sponsored, and for the current year we are financially stable. Information on sponsorship will be communicated to all of the members.

#### Siddurim and CY School/School Communications

It was reported we have 127 Day Siddurim and for a major Bar/Bat Mitzah we need at least 200. The digital copy of our current Siddurim has been located. Carl Pechman has the ability to copy and bind which will keep our costs to a minimum. We are awaiting comments from the School Committee. . Eli will send an email to the members to see if they have copies of the siddurim which they will return.

Discussion was held regarding adding another grade level to school

#### Donations for CY Library

First Congregational Church is open to having our loan of books to their library. They are currently working to improve their library. Help will be needed after Passover.

#### Meeting Calender for remainder of year

A meeting Calendar was approved through the end of September 2009. The calendar for the remainder of the year through June 2010 will be presented at the March Board meeting The approved Calendar is attached.

#### Pesach Letter

The annual fund-raising letter to be sent to the members will be prepared for approval at the March Board Meeting . The Board requested Eli to contact Shira and Howie regarding preparation of the letter

#### Thank you to First Congregational Church

Continued to the March Board meeting

#### Proposal for 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Tot Shabbat

The Board approved the sponsorship of a 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Tot Shabbat services. The services will be conducted by members of our community at the home of Micah Posner and Akiko Minami. All of the parents are expected to attend with their children. A review of the home and the people involved has been made and found to be an appropriate.

## *STRATEGY AND GOVERNANCE -*

#### Major Topic

No Major Topic issue was discussed

#### Governance

Concern over the use email discussions by the Board was expressed. . The Board voted to reaffirm the limited use of email to making proposals for the agenda and asking clarifying questions of the presenter of the proposal as included in the Board Meeting Structure Proposal approved at January 2009 Board meeting and included in the December 2008 Board Minutes.

## *TASK REVIEW AND CLOSE*

#### Task Review:

A review of the action items and commitments to perform was made

#### Future Board Meeting Dates

The Board meeting for March will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>. At 6:00 PM

#### Closing Nigun Batya Kagan

## Spring 2009 Dates

February 20 FCC

March 6 Garden

March 13 FCC

March 14 FCC Saturday

March 20 FCC

April 3 Garden

April 9 Passover Seder FCC

April 11 FCC Saturday

April 17 FCC

May 1 Garden

May 8 FCC

May 9 Highland Park, Ben Lomand Saturday

May 15 FCC

June 5 Garden

June 12 FCC

June 13 FCC Saturday

June 19 FCC

Annual Membership Meeting - Board approved moving meeting to June - Set Date?

August 21 FCC

August 22 FCC Saturday

September 11 FCC

September 12 FCC

September 18 FCC Rosh Hashanah

September 19 FCC Rosh Hashanah

September 27 FCC Yom Kippur

September 28 FCC Yom Kippur