

Minutes

Kona Beth Shalom

Board of Trustees

April 7, 2019

Elaine Dobinson's home

CALL TO ORDER

Una convened the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Joel Gimpel, Alan Silverman, Mike Bernstone, Una Greenaway, Vic Greenspan, Barry Blum, Trina Yerlick, Elaine Dobinson and Nella Silverman.

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Shari Berman, Alice Bratton, Ruth Ader, Alysa Freeman and Vivienne Aronowitz.

PRAYER

A prayer for surviving danger was said for Mike Bernstone who successfully fought off a shark attack while paddling in the ocean.

MINUTES

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the March Board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike said there was a new member who signed up with her seder reservation but, in all, our approximately 48 member units are down from our 60 member units of last year. It was thought the change in tax law made a difference.

The Territorial Savings account has been closed and the monies have been transferred to a 6-month T-bill in our Schwab account.

Rent on our storage unit has increased by \$10/month.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FACILITIES

Hawaiian Queen Coffee Garden (HQCG) is in the process of renovation of the window frames in our sanctuary space. There has been no information regarding the kind of shades or their cost, which we are planning. **Alan was asked to see if HQCG is planning to complete the windows before High Holidays.**

The Pirates Outreach Community Center, formerly the Lead Center, has offered free use of their facility for any non-profit use, including showing films. It's located at 70-175 Hualalai Road.

The Imin Center has been booked for Simchat Torah on Sunday, October 20.

The Old A Events Pavilion has been booked for the Chanukah party on December 29.

JEWISH EDUCATION

There are 2 more Hebrew classes for the semester. The **class will visit the Life Care Center** early in May. The children are now learning the 4 Questions in time for Pesach. There will be no Hebrew school during the summer. It was thought that next year the children would be required to attend at least one shabbat service per semester.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

Commerce Facebook is doing well for signing up attendees for the seder.

The phantom KBS.com website set up years ago is still catching some attention. Hawaii.Tel, who owns the site, has been notified that it is no longer being used.

Alan has gotten good feedback for the videos he has posted on the website. The latest is Rabbi Rachel's poetic drash from last shabbat.

CEMETERY REPORT

The marker for the unmarked grave at Homelani has arrived in Hilo and it has been placed at the grave.

Barry will meet with Rabbi Gerlitzky regarding the processes of burial at Homelani cemetery. It seems that it is cheaper to bury someone at the Jewish cemetery in Kauai than in Hilo.

BIKUR CHOLIM/SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Una contacted Vivienne re the Blue Zones Project and it was thought to be too cumbersome for our small congregation to undertake.

See Education Committee: the students will be visiting Life Care Center May 9.

SHABBAT RE'EH April 27, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Location: HQCG
Leader: **Una and Aviva**
Drash: **Yehuda**
Torah: **Vic/Aviva**
Matza: Extra from seder
Potluck: Passover appropriate food
Producer: **Una**

OLD BUSINESS

RABBI RACHEL

Mike will send a check for the \$180 honorarium to Rabbi Rachel's Ahava 'Aina congregation for her visit last shabbat.

TORAH MOVIE

Sarah Nealy has finished her documentary movie about our Torah scroll. It is approximately 45 minutes long. The new Pirates Outreach Community Center (POCC) seems to be a perfect venue for showing this movie. MLK weekend next year might be a good time but **Una will check with Ms. Nealy to find out her availability. Alan will then find out available dates at POCC.** This could be made into a fundraiser for our Torah.

SHAVUOT June 7-9, 2019

Will there be a Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday night, June 7? The Rabbi is staying at **Ruth Ader's** home. Will ask **if she would be willing to host the Friday night service.**

Aviva and Yehuda Plaut will host the Sunday Shavuot program. Una, Barry and Trina will all be out of town.

SEDER

The people who helped setup and break down at Hale Halawai in December have been contacted to help at Old A Events Pavilion for seder but have not returned the call. That night is also Good Friday and they may not be available. Amelia's crew is still available to help with setup and cleanup. **Amelia will be contacted to survey the site and a final count and letter will be sent after the April 10 reservation deadline.**

Mike has received 48 confirmed reservations. He also has been able to obtain 3 cases of Manischewitz wine. Trina said the **gefilte fish will be available for pickup on April 16** from Fridy Gerlitzky, the Chabad rebbitzin.

It was suggested that **a sign be set up for seder attendees at Old A so they know to park** on the mauka side of the Events Pavilion.

Alan has created an updated Haggadah. Drafts had been sent to the Board for review. With a few minor changes, including having a separate insert for birkat hamazon and song sheet, the new Haggadah was approved for the seder. **Alan will send the Haggadah to the printer.**

NEW BUSINESS

BAR MITZVAH REQUEST

A feasibility query from Montreal regarding a bar mitzvah during the Christmas break was emailed to the website. Alan gave them some information regarding local rabbis. He said our normal December shabbat would be held on Dec. 28 which did not seem convenient for the family. Alan said he would bring it up at the Board meeting. Discussion included that our Torah could be taken off site only as a shabbat service where members would be invited. Late update: The family has decided not to have the bar mitzvah in Kona.

The December 28 service was discussed as an inconvenient time for our congregation since we are planning on having the Chanukah party Dec. 29. **Shari Berman** often conducts services when she is back in Kona in December. We will check with her **to see if she is going to be here and conduct services Dec. 28.** If not, the majority of the Board feels the shabbat service should be cancelled. **Alan will cancel the service date with HQCG if Shari is not here.**

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be on May 5, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at **Alan and Nella's home.**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nella Silverman

Secretary