

Minutes  
Kona Beth Shalom  
Board of Trustees  
October 1, 2023  
Zoom (online) meeting

TRUSTEES LOGGED INTO MEETING

Alan Silverman, Eva Pierce, Barry Blum, Joel Gimpel, Nella Silverman, R. Shari Berman, Vivienne Aronowitz, Vic Greenspan, Mike Bernstone, Elaine Dobinson, Sarah Kramer and Trina Yerlick

TRUSTEES ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Heather Rivera, Una Greenaway, Aviva and Yehudah Plaut

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting began at 11:19 a.m., immediately after the annual meeting of membership.

MINUTES

Nella made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2023, board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

See annual meeting minutes.

FACILITIES

See annual meeting minutes.

EDUCATION

See annual meeting minutes.

CEMETERY

See annual meeting minutes.

WEBSITE

See annual meeting minutes.

## BIKUR CHOLIM

No report.

## NITZAVIM

The next meeting for Nitzavim will be in November when Yehudah will be off island. Aviva will let Barry and Vivienne know the exact time and date of the meeting so anyone interested can attend.

## MACHZORIM

Barry would like to see a promotion for the Ex Libris nameplates. Alan was asked to prepare something nice for the Support/Donation page on the website.

## NORTH HAWAII CHAVURAH (NHC)

Vivienne reported that approximately 40 people attended the High Holiday (HH) services at Big Island Synagogue (BIS) in Waimea. They were mostly Waimea residents and there were some kids who attended. There was an excellent cellist, electric keyboardist and acoustic and electric guitarists. Cantor Roslyn Barak had a beautiful voice. All services were free and a lox and bagel break fast was provided.

There are plans for a live-in manager at the BIS (old Mamane Bakery) facility.

Vivienne is unsure if the usual Friday events at Mauna Kea will occur. The relationship between NHC and BIS is still unclear. November 3 there will be an erev shabbat service. December 15 there will be a Chanukah celebration.

Rabbi Sydney Mintz is back in town and has a sukkah. She invites people to visit Monday or Wednesday afternoons this week from 4 pm - 6 pm.

On Sunday November 12 from 10-3 there will be a workshop, Generational Jewish Trauma, with Nicola Wagenberg, PhD.

Vivienne thinks the BIS facility would be available for KBS events. She will keep KBS informed when BIS events take place. Eloha Elohim has been mentioned as a name for the BIS facility.

A discussion ensued about how BSI will affect KBS future. Many thought it would draw congregants away. Una offered to work with Yehudah in coming up with ideas to grow KBS.

## REVIEW OF HH

Some thoughts:

1. Need a written agreement for honorarium, if car provided, housing, etc.
2. Feel like KBS cannot afford two clergy for HH.
3. Cantor Chomsky seemed very comfortable with the congregation and where he and his wife stayed and seemed willing to come back. He was upset by not having a car available. Eventually the Board approved on an email vote to pay the additional fees for a rental car.

#### NEW BUSINESS

R. Shari and Una requested that some Sunday board meetings could be scheduled at a later time. Barry asked that both send their suggestions of times to him, to be taken up at the next board meeting.

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held November 5 at 10 am on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nella Silverman,  
Secretary