

Minutes
Kona Beth Shalom
Board of Trustees
February 4, 2024
Zoom (online) meeting

TRUSTEES LOGGED INTO MEETING

Alan Silverman, Elaine Dobinson, Barry Blum,, Joel Gimpel, Vic Greenspan, Sarah Kramer, Eva Pierce

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Vivienne Aronowitz, R. Shari Berman, Mike Bernstone, Nella Silverman,

OTHERS

Aviva and Yehudah Plaut

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting began at 10:05 a.m.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Barry requested a motion to suspend the rules for this meeting to allow the Chair to change the order of the agenda and to prevent any member from proposing a motion during a specific discussion. Elaine so moved. Following discussion, the motion was seconded and passed, with Joel opposing.

OPENING PRAYER

Barry read selections from a siddur and the U.S. Constitution that mirrored each other.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Joel and seconded, the minutes of the January 7, 2024, board meeting were approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial report was emailed to the board before the meeting.

Joel moved to table the Treasurer's report to see if Mike will join the meeting. Mike never came to the meeting. There was no second and no vote taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FACILITIES

There is still no word if the June date will hold. The school has objected. But as of now the June date holds. As far as we know no permits have been filed. HQCG are trying to classify the property as commercial, which will take time. Meanwhile we are keeping our eyes open for alternatives just in case. Joel recommended that we check with the planning department to keep informed on their progress.

WEBSITE

Alan noted website continues to be updated and is running smoothly.

NORTH HAWAII CHAVURAH (NHC) and news of Beit Aloha Elohim (Rebecca Barnes)

There has been no report from Rebecca as of yet. From last month's minutes — *Tentatively, on Friday, February 9, Roz Barak will lead services. The next weekend, February 16-17, Rabbi Sydney Mintz's stepson will celebrate his bar mitzvah. Roz Barak will conduct services on March 16. So far no definite plans have been confirmed for Pesach. Roz Barak has been invited to conduct High Holiday services this year. Rabbi Jessica Kate Meyer, who toured and led discussions throughout the island, is tentatively planning to come next January to stay a week or more.*

CEMETERY

Recent purchases:

- ◆ 1 about to be purchased for \$1596 from KBS
- ◆ 1 still available for \$1596 from KBS
- ◆ 3 available for \$4241.21 each, from KBS
- ◆ 1 available from Homelani (their price unknown)

Eva requested to be kept informed if and when a plot sells. Barry thinks it's possible that BAE will establish a cemetery in Waimea, but it's speculative at this point.

BIKUR CHOLIM (Alice, Vivienne, Aviva, Nella, Eva).

Aviva has made herself available if requested to help with any issues.

We're sending siddur(s) to Maui at the request of Rabbi Sandra Razieli (with Maui Jewish Community Services). Thank you, Alan

UPCOMING JEWISH OBSERVANCES

SHABBAT Feb 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Location: HQCG
Producer: Aviva Plaut and Vic
Challah: Alan and Nella

Joel made a motion that the March Shabbat service will be March 30, pending HQCG availability and potential conflicts. Motion was seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Xuetas Island movie was shown at BAE, preceded by tree planting and a Tu B'Shvat seder. Then the movie was shown. Yehudah reported that it was extremely interesting. It was also shown in Kona at Chabad. Elaine suggested that we ask Dani if he could make it available to us as some future time.

Discussion then followed as to what distinguishes KBS as a Jewish community. Aviva and Yehudah proposed that KBS should be identified as a Torah based community. Discussion also followed as to our relationship with BAE.

Etz Chaim Chumash for D.J. Boltach. Aviva will take care of getting it to him from Barry.

Alan will draft a notice for Passover seder invitations by members who are able and willing to include others in their family seders. It was also noted that BAE will have one.

NEW BUSINESS:

No Purim celebration by KBS.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held Mar 3 at 10 a.m. on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Dobinson for Nella Silverman
Secretary