

Minutes  
Kona Beth Shalom  
Emergency Board of Trustees Meeting  
July 28, 2024  
Zoom (online) meeting

TRUSTEES LOGGED INTO MEETING

Alan Silverman, Nella Silverman, Sarah Kramer, Elaine Dobinson, Barry Blum, Joel Gimpel, R. Shari Berman, Vic Greenspan, Heather Rivera and Eva Pierce

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Mike Bernstone and Vivienne Aronowitz,

OTHERS PRESENT

Aviva and Yehudah Plaut

CALL TO ORDER

The emergency board meeting began at 10:01 a.m.

TOPIC: Where to hold services since Hawaiian Queen Coffee Garden (HQCG) will no longer be available to rent.

MAIN IDEAS DISCUSSED

1. LOCATION OF SHABBAT SERVICES

A. Beit Aloha Elohim (BAE)

Rebecca Barnes, Manager, said she thought the owner would be ok with us having Torah study there, but actually it would be services once a month. She seemed to think that would be OK with various provisos about publicity, etc.

B. New Thought

A rental proposal was sent to the Board which you can see in the Addendum. This rental agreement is for the occasional renting of New Thought facility. If we decide to make a lease agreement, the rates would be negotiated lower. Fees would be cheaper than HQCG if we kept hours to set up, kiddush and clean up more controlled. Ramp still would be needed to get ark into main patio area.

Joel made a motion to use New Thought location for our regular shabbat morning services. The motion was seconded and passed. There was one abstention.

When we move to New Thought, there will be many items to move out of HQCG. Aviva suggested using a mover. Vic suggested renting storage space nearer New Thought. Alan noted that we will need a flat screen monitor for Zoom attendees.

Dates of upcoming 2024 Saturday services:

August 24, 9 a.m. - 3p.m. Led by R. Shari.

September 21, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. September's 4th Saturday is the 28th but is so near the High Holidays (HH) that Joel made a motion to change the date of September's services to 9/21. The motion was seconded and passed.

November 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

December 28, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## 2. LOCATION OF HH SERVICES

### A. Kona Education Center (KEC), formerly Outdoor Circle

It was suggested that this was more centrally located, and that more members were likely to come, even though parking would be a challenge on Rosh Hashanah (RH) day. R. Shari noted that the chairs are uncomfortable and there is a lack of enough handicapped parking. KBS already has a deposit to rent the facility for erev RH, RH day, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur. The deposit can be fully refunded if cancelled 30 days in advance.

### B. New Thought

Since we are having services at New Thought, the ark and other basic supplies would already be there for HH. Parking would be no problem as there is a parking area nearby as well as across the street. Yehudah mentioned that Cantor Chomsky, who is conducting our services, could walk from their house to New Thought. Joel moved that KBS celebrate HH at New Thought. The motion was seconded and passed with two abstentions and one no vote. New Thought has been reserved for:

Erev RH, Wednesday, October 2 from 6-8 p.m.

RH Thursday, October 3 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Kol Nidre Friday, October 11, 6-8 p.m.

Yom Kippur Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

## 3. ANNUAL MEETING, ZOOM, SEPTEMBER 8

September Board meeting will be held immediately after the annual meeting. There will be election of officers for next year's board. Requirement to send out notification and agenda for the meeting. Organize the election process for new officers to ensure a smooth transition.

## 4. OTHER DATES

### A. SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, October 4, possibly at the Plauts

Saturday, October 5, New Thought or other location such as county pavilion?

### B. OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Sunday, October 6. Joel unavailable.

### B. SIMCHAT TORAH

Saturday, October 26

Decision to be made whether to collaborate with BAE. Same date as Ironman.

The emergency meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nella Silverman,  
Secretary

## ADDENDUM

### Rental Proposal from Kona Beth Shalom

Background: They have been renting space from Hawaii Queen Coffee, located near the intersection of Henry St. & Palani Rd, for several years. In May they were given 60 days notice, as was the charter school, another long term renter. The property belongs to the Sun Yong Moon organization, and the big bosses in Korea want to use it in a different way.

Woody Plaut, longtime librarian at Konawaena Middle School, contacted me about 2 weeks ago and told me about their need. He thought of New Thought because he is familiar with our space, having been a music minister and a speaker for us on more than one occasion. He also knows that we are "multifaith", and once seriously explored the possibility of pooling our resources with Kona Beth Shalom to create a shared use facility. Morty Breier, the one who designed our logo, did architectural drawings of how this facility might look.

I have been in communication with Woody intermittently since then, responding to his questions. I told him that we do rent our space to outside groups and individuals subject to availability, and that our base rate is \$50 an hour. I invited him to attend a service, and encourage other KBS members to do so. (Last Sunday, 4 of them came.) I told him our board meeting was scheduled for 6/18, and I would put it on the agenda if Kona Beth Shalom was seriously interested. They are. Normally they meet just once a month, most often on the 4th Saturday. Typically attendance ranges from 10 to 30. On holidays it can go up to 50. They would pay the extra \$15 charge for kitchen use, since they have a potluck after the service. Here are the dates and times they would like to rent.

Saturday, August 24, 9 to 3 (actual service is 10:30 to 1, but they would pay for extra time for set up and clean-up)  $6 \times 50 = 300 + 15 = 315 + \text{GET} 14.18$ . total: \$329.18

Saturday, September 21, 9 to 3. total: \$329.18 same as 8/24

High Holy Days: two important holidays fall in October, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. This would be their most extensive use of our space.

Wednesday, 10/2, 6-8pm (Rosh Hashana begins at sunset)  $2 \times 50 = 100 + 4.50 \text{GET}$ , \$104.50

Thursday, October 3, 10 to 3,  $5 \times 30 = 150 + 15 = 165 + \text{GET} 7.43$ . total: \$172.43

Friday, October 11, 6-8pm (Yom Kippur begins at sunset)  $2 \times 50 = 100 + 4.50 \text{GET}$ , \$104.50

Saturday, October 12, 10 to 8pm. (Main day of Yom Kippur) 10-6=8 hours (all-day rate, charge for 6 hrs)  $6 \times 50 = 300 + \text{GET} 13.50 = 313.50$ . 6-8,  $\$100 + 15 + 5.18 \text{GET} = \$120.18$  (treat as 2nd event)

Saturday, November 23, 9 to 3 (regular Sabbath)  $6 \times 50 = 300 + 15 = 315 + \text{GET} 14.18$ . total: \$329.18

Saturday, December 28, 9-3 (regular Sabbath)  $6 \times 50 = 300 + 15 = 315 + \text{GET} 14.18$ . total: \$329.18

Maybe an evening service for Hanukkah in the week between Christmas and New Year's.