

Minutes
Kona Beth Shalom
Board of Trustees
August 5, 2024
Zoom (online) meeting

TRUSTEES LOGGED INTO MEETING

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT

R. Shari Berman, Mike Bernstone and Vivienne Aronowitz

OTHERS PRESENT

Aviva and Yehudah Plaut

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting began at 10:04 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Mi shebeirach was said for those in need of healing. Heather's nephews are recovering from pneumonia.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Joel and seconded, the minutes of the July 7, 2024, board meeting and the July 28, 2024, emergency meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial report will be deferred until Mike returns from out of country.

Barry paid a personal check of \$276.73 to New Thought Center (NTC) for rental of their facility for the August 24 KBS service that will be held there. Mike will reimburse Barry when he returns. A copy of the August Usage Agreement and Rental Proposal from KBS can be found in the Addendum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FACILITIES

KBS needs to move out of the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Garden (HQCG). HQCG has plans to turn the location into a restaurant and our signed contract with them ended June 2024.

Between now and August 24 we need to move out of HQCG, which will include our rental storage there. A committee of Barry, Vic, Elaine, Alan and Nella will convene next week at HQCG to organize the move. The aron will move to NTC and will store siddurim, chumashim, kipot and tallitot in the bottom cabinet. The rest of the items will need to be removed to a storage facility or find other homes. Vic noted there is a storage facility near NTC: My Self Storage Space, 81-934 Halekii St., Kealahou, HI 96750.

KBS will need a flat screen TV for our Zoom connection at NTC. After discussion of the size of the screen, the need for a portable stand, the dollar limit we should consider, etc., Sarah moved to authorize Alan to purchase the TV and stand for KBS use at NTC with a budget of up to \$700. The motion was seconded and passed.

Barry noted that Pasha, manager of NTC, would like our move to be on a day between August 10th and 17th. The thought is to move just the aron and what can fit inside it to NTC at that time.

It was suggested that we hire a mover to get the aron, bookcases and other multitude of paraphernalia out of HQCG. Vic thinks that he would be able to do the move with his truck. The move committee will look into all the possibilities.

SHABBAT EIKEV August 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Location: NTC
Leaders: R. Shari, in person, and Aviva
Torah: R. Shari, Aviva and Vic
Drash: R. Shari
Challah: Silvermans
9 a.m. setup: Plauts, Silvermans, Vic, Barry

HIGH HOLIDAYS (HH)

The decision to hold HH services at NTC is pending a satisfactory experience with upcoming shabbat services. Alan will not cancel reservation at Kona Education Center (Outdoor Circle) at the moment. KBS has ability to cancel without cost 30 days prior to reservation date.

Cantor Jack Chomsky will arrive in Kona Tuesday October 1, the day before Rosh Hashanah begins. He and his wife, Susan Gellman, will be housed at Shai and Trina Yerlick's home and then will stay with Yehudah and Aviva Plaut later. Dates to get together with the Cantor should include a time for them both to talk about the situation in Israel right now.

Beit Aloha Elohim (BAE)

Viv, who is unable to attend this meeting, reported by email that services will be held by Rabbi Sydney on August 16 and Rabbi/Cantor Roz Barak on August 30. Plans for the Reverse Tashlich on Sept. 29th are in progress.

SIMCHAT TORAH

There was a discussion of having a joint holiday service with BAE. Barry was authorized to discuss the possibility with Rebecca Barnes, manager BAE. The possibility of having it at NTC will be tabled until after the August 24 shabbat service.

CHANUKAH PARTY

A decision will be made on party venue after the first service at NTC. Other location possibilities would be a joint party with BAE or at county facility at Old Airport. Hale Halawai is unavailable.

WEBSITE

Alan was wondering whether to include Jewish Community Services (JCS) events on our KBS calendar. Barry thought that it would be appropriate since they service our community, including our members on the Hilo side of the island.

CEMETERY

Heather visits the cemetery regularly and reports that our Beit Hashamayim is in fine shape.

BIKUR CHOLIM

Barry had the thought that Cantor Chomsky might enjoy visiting our 102 year old member, Goldie Lefkowitz, while here during HH.

ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, September 8, 2024 10 a.m. Zoom

The annual newsletter needs to be sent out before the annual meeting. The meeting includes elections of the Board members and its officers. Barry asked Nella to send him the Board members and dates of their 3 year terms of service. Eva Pierce is resigning from the Board after the meeting on Sept. 8.

Barry asked for help from the Board in writing the Newsletter and would appreciate all input.

NEW BUSINESS

Eva suggested reading The New Yorker magazine's "Notes From Underground" August 3, 2024, article by David Remnick, editor of the New Yorker magazine, about the life of Yahya Sinwar, leader of Hamas in Gaza.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Annual Meeting followed by the Board meeting will be held September 8 at 10 a.m. on Zoom.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nella Silverman,
Secretary

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.

Usage Agreement, Moana Lanai (covered, open on 3 sides)

Name of Responsible Person: BARRY BLUM
Group/Organization if applicable: CONG. KOASA BETH SHALOM
Phone numbers: H: 808 326-4192 C: 808 987-7417
Mailing address: 77-6502 MARLIN RD. K-K
e-mail address: golliard@hawaii.rr.com
Date & time of event: 8-24-24, 9:30 to 2:30
Planned activities: religious services
Number of people expected to attend: 20-25

Rules for Moana Lanai: When moving chairs or tables, lift—don't drag. No large gatherings or amplified music Monday-Friday during business hours. If usage involves food, clean table tops and take your trash to the dumpster near the Chinese restaurant. After event, return chairs and tables to previous arrangement.

Maximum capacity: 100 people

Furnishings/equipment: 4 long rectangular tables and 2 shorter ones, 3 medium-sized glass-topped tables and 1 small one, 50 chairs with cushions and approximately 50 stackable molded plastic chairs.

Microphones, sound equipment, DVD player and data projector can be provided for a fee of \$55 plus \$30 for the operator of the equipment.

Kitchen use: \$15 per day, supplemental fee. When conveying food from the kitchen to the Moana Lanai, please consider using the narrow covered lanai on the south side of the building.

Presenter will be responsible for publicity and for collection of admission fees. After the event he/she will make sure the room is clean and orderly before departing.

A New Thought Center representative will serve as liaison, attending the event if it is open to the public. If not, the liaison will provide an orientation prior to the event. If a fee is charged, the liaison will be admitted free of charge. He/she will assist with opening and closing the room, arrangement of chairs and tables, lighting, ventilation, etc.

A rental fee of \$50 an hour (\$30 for a weekday event that ends by 4:30), plus supplemental fees if applicable, must be paid in advance, either by check mailed to the New Thought P.O. Box, or by PayPal via the NTCH website. For Paypal, click on the donate button, and note the name and date of the event. Please include 4.5% G.E.T. Fees are not refundable.

All day events: presenter is only required to pay rent for 6 hours, providing event ends by 6pm.

As presenter/agent for this event, I agree to rent the Moana Lanai under the conditions described above.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 8-1-24
Submit this form by e-mail to Terry Browne, Event Coordinator, deadwoodterry@gmail.com or mail to New Thought Center of Hawaii, P.O. Box 333, Kealahou, HI 96750 Attention: Terry
For more information, call Terry at (808) 990-4701