

Minutes

Special Membership Meeting of Congregation

Kona Beth Shalom

September 22, 2024

Zoom (on-line) meeting

MEMBERS LOGGED INTO MEETING (minimum of 14 members needed for quorum)

Barry & Gloria Blum, Vic Greenspan, Trina & Shai Yerlick, Alan & Nella Silverman, Joel Gimpel & Jan Rae, Aviva & Yehudah Plaut, Elaine Dobinson, Heather Friedman Rivera, Eva & Ron Pierce, Marilyn Anderson, Stuart Liroff (Total members = 17)

OPENING PRAYER

Heather, who is leading the meeting, led the prayer: May peace prevail in the Middle East and may all the hostages be returned.

INTERIM PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Vic thanked everyone for coming. It shows a dedication to KBS which is an important part of our lives.

TABLED DISCUSSION OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Heather nominated Vic to be President of KBS. The nomination was seconded. There were no other names put into nomination. Vic was approved as President of KBS.

Barry nominated Heather to be 1st Vice-President. The nomination was seconded. There were no other names put into nomination. Heather was approved as 1st Vice-President.

Barry nominated Elaine as 2nd Vice-President. The nomination was seconded. There were no other names put into nomination. Elaine was approved as 2nd Vice-President.

NEW BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

Barry nominated Stuart Liroff, member in good standing of KBS, to be on the Board. Stuart and his partner have been frequent attendees of shabbat services over the past couple of years. He introduced himself, gave a brief bio and expressed an interest in being more involved. His nomination was seconded and he was approved as a trustee of the board. Alan asked for his photo and short written bio for the webpage. Welcome to the Board, Stuart, your 3-year term starts 5784 (2024) and you're up for reelection 5787 (2027).

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD

Vic asked Aviva to be the Sh'lichot Tzibbur, the public emissary representing KBS and bringing ideas back from the community to KBS. She has been authorized to attend an 8-month-long prayer leading program that is specifically designed for small town Jewish life.

Heather asked if there were any objections to the screening process outlined in the agenda. There were none, so Alan will continue to screen questions that come in through the website. He will answer them or refer them to other board members as appropriate; and, at his discretion, he may forward requests for the "president" to board members with expertise in questions being asked. Aviva has agreed to have bar/bat mitzvah requests come to her.

Elaine, as 2nd Vice-President, would like to chair a new Membership committee. Vic officially approved the creation of this committee. Elaine has recruited members from different geographical areas to be on this committee: Una Greenaway, from Captain Cook; Nella from Kona Palisades; Yehudah from Kealekekua; and Elaine is from Holualoa. Stuart offered to help and has some ideas and experience for online outreach for low or no cost. Further needs of this committee will be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Heather as 1st Vice-President will conduct all Board meetings and will, at the next Board meeting, ask for creation of a Security Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Date and time of Shabbat/Simchat Torah is October 26, 2024, 11 a.m. at Beit Aloha Elohim.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 10 a.m. on Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Membership Meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

A short committee meeting to discuss moving out of the old storage unit followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nella Silverman, Secretary