

Har Shalom Board Meeting, April 19, 2016

Agenda

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam. Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu La'asok b'tsorchey tzibbur.
Blessed are you, our Eternal God, ruler of the Universe. You have sanctified us with your Mitzvot, and commanded us to occupy ourselves with the needs of the community.

Review of March Minutes

General items for discussion:

Garage Sale

Redecorating project Next Steps

Garage & front roof repair

Front Planter estimate

Summer mowing/maintenance

Passover

Lease Addendum

Property Tax Form

Finance update/Fundraiser to re-stock building reserve?

Laurie Report

B'nai mitzvah Guide

Har Shalom Operating Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Laurie Franklin, Sherry Kolenda, Holly Kingsford, Ya'el Winston, Bert Chessin, Kate Soukonnikov, Ari Margo, Lida Running Crane, Pat Cohen, Barb Gross, Tanya, Paul Kingsford

Topic	Discussion	Action
March Minutes	Minutes approved as amended.	

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Garage Sale	Kate and Tanya to co-coordinate the Garage Sale on May 22 nd . Items stored in the garage as well as donations from the community will be for sale. Board discusses setup preparations. Sale to be open from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Collections for donations to begin May 1 st . Leftover items to be donated. Thanks to all of the volunteers!	Kate to communicate plans with Garden City Montessori to see if they want to donate to the sale.

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Redecorating project Next Steps	As much work as possible to be completed before Passover seder.	

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Garage and front roof repair	<p>The roof was examined under wet conditions and no water was found. Building committee and past president are in agreement that working on the drainage around the building is the highest priority.</p> <p>Roof works well for rain, but poorly for snow and ice. Issue needs to be addressed by the Fall.</p> <p>A tree is damaging the back wall of the garage and needs to be removed as soon as possible.</p> <p>Hardware in roof to be replaced to secure the roof until the time comes to replace the roof entirely.</p> <p>Structural engineer to assess the longevity of the building before a decision is made on replacing the roof.</p>	

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<p>Finance Update</p>	<p>Board discusses means of paying the 2nd mortgage. Another fundraiser is necessary to avoid difficulty over the Summer.</p> <p>Board discusses tracking renovations expenses.</p> <p>Ad-hoc budget committee to be assembled to work on a budget to present to the board over the Summer. Eventually this will allow us to improve our transparency by posting numbers on the website. It will also allow us to budget some upcoming expenses, such as getting a new computer, additional building repairs, etc.</p>	

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<p>Fundraising</p>	<p>Finance committee suggests reaching out to the community during the Passover seder regarding our need for help repairing the building. This could also be an opportunity to reach out to non-members.</p>	<p>Administrator to prepare flyers in self-addressed envelopes for Passover.</p>

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<p>Membership</p>	<p>Vice president suggests members in good standing can anonymously sponsor a non-member. A letter can be sent to the new member suggesting that they renew for 2016-2017. Board discusses possible negative reactions to such a campaign.</p> <p>We need to better convey that our membership fees can be as much or as little as the member chooses based on what they can afford. Board discusses whether an Atidaynu contributor should be a Member regardless of whether or not there was a separate membership contribution.</p> <p>Ultimately we need to communicate more clearly with our non-members without being too presumptuous or offensive. We should emphasize the bigger picture of how Har-Shalom contributes to the community, both internally and externally.</p> <p>Conversation to continue with Membership committee.</p>	

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<p>QuickBooks Online</p>	<p>Discussion regarding methods of accessing Quickbooks remotely. Issue of security concerns is raised. No changes to be made at this time.</p>	<p>Administrator to research security risks of remote access to the laptop.</p>

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Front Planter estimate	Plans for planter are presented. \$1000 needs to be raised for this project. Labor to be performed by volunteers. This project is a much cheaper alternative to removing the pillars in the driveway. Board discusses time and fiscal expense of maintaining the planter throughout the year. Plans on hold until money is raised.	

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Summer mowing and maintenance	Past president to verify commitment of current mower. Otherwise, vice president to contact another mower.	

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Passover	58 reservations so far. We are doing the table setup this year so we don't pay labor costs. We need volunteers to help the day of. Board organizes volunteers.	

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Lease Addendum		Past President to get lease addendum signed by tenant.

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Laurie's Report	Rabbi has an article in the Missoulian about Passover. Work is in progress for activities for the kids at Passover. Dances for Universal Peace on Saturday, April 30 th . Celebrate Islam week is April 25-30 th . MIC Faith in Action Summit on Tuesday, April 26 th .	

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Building Committee	David Cox is the new Building Committee. Party to be thrown to thank David Jolles.	