

Har Shalom Board Meeting of September 2015.

Har Shalom Board Meeting, September 15, 2015

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 August Minutes

General items for discussion:

Laurie Report

Lauren Education Request

5-Week Hebrew Class Starts October 7th

Finance update

Front of building cleanup

Renewing vision for the coming year meeting October 11th

Ongoing High Holy days prep

Role Changes

Har Shalom Board Meeting Minutes

Present: *Holly Kingsford, Pat Cohen, Ya'el Winston, Barb Gross, Sherry Kolenda, Ari Margo, Lauren Weinstock, Laurie Franklin, Bert Chessin*

Topic	Discussion	Action
August Minutes	Minutes approved.	

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Laurie's Report	<p>Lots of people were hanging out after services, which is a sign of a good experience in the room.</p> <p>Laurie is thinking about launching three things this year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An adult b'nai mitzvah group focused toward Shavuot for next year—could happen annually. 2) Chanting service could happen on a more regular basis. 3) Minion club—one morning a week as a morning service. <p>These will be discussed with committees.</p> <p>Thursday meeting with Bob Schwartz, president of MT World Affairs Council. "Council in the schools" is a CCTV for high schools and colleges. They also sponsor speakers. Imam is one such speaker who Laurie will be meeting with.</p> <p>Abrahamic reunion, an organization of interfaith peace efforts is coming to Bozeman Oct 13th and might come here on the 14th with sponsorship.</p>	

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Education Request	<p>4 classes were proposed at the Committee Meeting. Folk Dancing, Book Club, First Friday World Eating Dinner (tentative host in November), Toba's class. As funding has been limited, the Committee suggested that sending a list of activities by physical mail would be too great an expense. Board discusses the value of sending a physical copy and incurring the expense vs sending an e-mail. There should be a budget for the Education Committee so that they can choose to spend the money on a physical mailer. The treasurer is asked to create a line item for Education expenses. \$100 is immediately donated to fund that line item. All donations should be entered into Quickbooks as income before being expensed out. Compared to building expenses, education expenses are minimal. As small as a \$150 yard sale might seem, the activity itself encourages interaction between members of the community, building relationships, and encouraging donations and other forms of support and participation.</p>	

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Role Changes	Pat has stepped down as Building Board Liaison and has stepped up to Ruach. She will be working with Barb. Bert will now be the Building Board Liaison.	

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Hebrew Class	5 weeks starting October 7 th . Class does not meet Oct 14 th . Class list to be established in first session to acquire books.	

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Finance	Treasurer performed revisions to the budget, analyzed P&L. We need to raise \$87,000 this fiscal year beyond existing receivables (membership, tenant rent, etc). Seeking grants discussed. Perhaps salaries could be paid for with support.	Ya'el to bring P&L reports to board meetings.

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Front of Building Cleanup	Work still needs to be done to clean up the front of the building. Board liaison to discuss getting the front painted with Building Committee. Plan needs to be decided upon and discussed with Montessori.	Bert to contact Jeff Kooris and John Harris regarding building projects and discuss plans with Building Committee.

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High Holy Days Prep	There will be challah! Laurie and Elise to discuss and arrange a menu for break-fast. Finance committee suggests asking Bob Marshall to cater break-fast.	

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URJ Boot Camp	They recommended a short Torah study before Board Meetings (10-15 minutes). They also recommended putting the mission statement on the agenda. Most congregations our size do not have a building. All things considered, we're doing pretty well. We should also utilize the URJ website which has a lot of useful information.	

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ShulCloud	<p>We need someone to truly control our QuickBooks system, to enter data that gets synced into Quickbooks and get it organized.</p> <p>We are making progress with ShulCloud. Hopefully a couple more weeks of troubleshooting will be all we need to get things rolling smoothly.</p>	