

Har Shalom Operating Committee Meeting, March 8, 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.

Committee Reports:

Education/Social Action, Sheehan
Prep for Purim
Camp Fees

Finance/Operations, Sherry
Community Non-Profit Day April 2nd at the Mall
Debit Card

Ruach, Barb

Membership, Joy

Building, Justin Rosenbaum, Dave, Bert
Front Cover Removal
Rebuild flower station

Historian Report, Toba
Paint, interior improvement

Laurie report

Grants, Joyce

New Business

Har Shalom Operating Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: *Holly Kingsford, Laurie Franklin, Sherry Kolenda, Ari Margo, Joyce Latimer, Joy Earls, Bert Chessin, Barb Gross, Paul Kingsford*

Topic	Discussion	Action
Paint & Interior Improvement	Two Sundays were spent cleaning and painting the interior of Har Shalom. Hallway painting is almost complete. Additional painting throughout the property needs to be completed by April 3rd. More help is needed, and a request will be in the weekly.	

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Historian Report	Historian to meet with Past President who will provide some materials to Historian.	

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Membership	Historian is available to assist Membership Chair to help organize membership committee.	

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Education/Social Action	<p>We are on track for Purim. Vice President is working on preparations. The band is rehearsing! They will provide song sheets this year. Paul Kingsford to prepare a stage.</p> <p>Camp Fees are discussed. \$108 for members' first child, \$72 for members' subsequent children, \$144 per child for non-members. Scholarship opportunities proposed. Additional activities for older children to be included.</p> <p>MAZON sent a request for donations to help end hunger.</p> <p>MIC announced a merger with Family Promise, which it is absorbing.</p> <p>Standing Alongside America's Muslims (SALAM) has been established. Several events are being planned.</p>	

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Finance/Operations	<p>Community non-profit day is April 2nd at the mall. We could set up a booth if religious organizations are welcome, and it is an outreach opportunity.</p> <p>New signer needed for Debit card. It should be a Board Member. Finance Chair to contact Treasurer as option A. Past President suggested as option B. Copy of Resolution may be needed for the credit union (to be prepared during March Board Meeting).</p> <p>Grant committee subcommittee chair explains that the team has met several times to go through a list of grants. No grants are available for capital improvements. An education or community program would need to be established for the purpose of qualifying for certain grants. Straightforward grants for a place in Montana are rare.</p> <p>Discussion about foundations we could contact for support, especially those that have donated in the past.</p> <p>Grant for portable dance floor proposed for international folk dancing.</p> <p>We received a grant for Passover, and will have to provide invoices and receipts before receiving the grant. Discussion about qualifying expenses (promotional programing, subsidies, and advertising expenses).</p>	

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Ruach	<p>Purim planning meetings are taking place. Party is March 19th.</p> <p>March 11th, Holly will be leading. March 18th, Laurie will be leading. March 25th, Kate will be leading. Following week is 1st Saturday (Laurie will be leading).</p> <p>Oneg provider needed for this coming week (11th). Providers are in place for the 18th and 25th.</p>	

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Membership	<p>Our new Membership Chair is setting up priorities for contacting non-members.</p> <p>Marlene or Paul could design a new Membership brochure which could be included with other event documents such as Passover. In theory, a grant could cover costs of design.</p>	

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<p>Building</p>	<p>The awnings in the front of the building have been removed, so that safety issue is resolved. There are plans for installing a planter box, which our tenant would fill with flowers. Past President recommends careful planning for future building changes. For example, rather than just repairing the roof, we could do that while also raising the height of the space in the sanctuary area. But multiple opinions (in the form of a committee) should be collected before projects are approved.</p> <p>Discussion about the necessity of roof repairs and the dangers of delaying repairs—especially those as a result of water damage.</p> <p>Bathroom fans are being worked on. Non-standard fan requires some research and ordering parts.</p> <p>GSM wants the new classroom window to be made larger and are willing to pay for all of it up front with the understanding that our half of the expense would be deducted from the new rent for 5 months. The lease addendum will need to be signed before the tenant can utilize the space or the window can be replaced.</p>	

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<p>Laurie's Report</p>	<p>Rabbi hoping to vacation in May. Past President is also unavailable the first week of May. Laurie to lead the 7th of May and Bert will lead the 4th of June.</p>	

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<p>March Minutes</p>	<p>Approved.</p>	