

# Minutes of Peretz Executive Committee Meeting

November 22, 2007

In attendance: Dena Dawson, Sylvia Friedman, Louise Miller, Donna MacDermot, Richard Rosenberg, Anton Friedman, Claire Osipov, Victor Neuman

Minutes: Louise Miller; typed by Donna MacDermot

## **Election of officers (all by acclamation)**

Richard Rosenberg, President (Victor nominated, Claire seconded)

Bernice Kastner, Vice President (pending her acceptance upon her return) (Victor, Dena)

Victor Neuman, Treasurer (Anton, Claire)

Louise Miller, Recording Secretary (Claire, Dena)

Dena Dawson, Corresponding Secretary (Claire, Victor)

Harold Berson, Member at Large

Anton Friedman, Member at Large

Bluma Field, Alternate

Claire Osipov, Alternate

## **Corrections to previous minutes:**

Security issues were discussed at Canadian Jewish Congress, Western Branch. Motion to accept the minutes: MSC: Victor, Anton.

## **Business arising**

Victor explained that \$1000 miscellaneous revenues previously reported were donations from parents to pay Peretz back for CSJO conference air fare. \$1662 parents contribution. Lighting for auditorium (sconces): lost revenue only one time on budget.

## **President's Report**

- AGM: must keep trying to boost attendance
- Jewish Federation: as executive members, we are expected to donate to the campaign. Could be small, e.g. \$10.

## **Treasurer's Report**

September 1 to November 30, 2007: compared to 2006, rentals up, donations down, payroll up due to across the board salary increases.

Building contingency fund: \$25,000.

Question: could the choir's fund for CD make us ineligible for Casino grant?

## **New Business**

- **Talking about Israel:** Bonnie Klein wants to talk about Israel in a proper venue, i.e. where people won't be called a self-hating Jew if they have concerns. Sylvia thinks Outlook would be more logical spot.
- **Hebrew classes for children:** This has been requested by a few parents. In principle, no reason

why we shouldn't. After school? On Sunday? Donna to announce in Peretz Papers and advertise in the *Independent*. Yiddish is already being touched upon in Sunday School.

- **Food bank:** Iosif wants us to charge them for extra garbage and cardboard pickups. Motion that we do so. MSC (Victor, Claire).
- **“Cafe”:** Suggested that the new living area may keep the Sunday parents here. Could turn this into a discussion group. Should appeal to B'nai Mitzvah parents, who are meeting now to plan this year's ceremony. Try as an experiment making coffee and cookies available. Iosif thinks we need a gate to block off the downstairs or else people at upstairs events will wander down and spill things. Possibly something just to deter, such as stanchions, might work. Theatre-type stanchions and velvet ropes were looked into in the past and found to be too expensive.
- **Alarm calls:** Really need to call alarm company to see what they suggest if the alarm is tripped. Victor says there is a service offered by BC Tel to monitor from a remote location.
- **Attendance at AGM:** Dena distressed by how few people there were. People don't volunteer. Claire suggests a phone committee is needed. Sylvia mentioned that other groups have entertainment to get people out, maybe we should too. Donna to put AGM on the September 08 agenda.
- **Banquet:** Coming up Sunday Jan. 27. Perhaps get last year's cancelled performers for entertainment: our young grads. Claire will call a program committee meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Dena

Next meeting: Jan. 10, 2008