

Minutes of Peretz Executive Meeting October 20, 2011

In attendance: Sylvia Friedman, Bernice Kastner, Gary Shilling, Anton Friedman, Richard Rosenberg, Victor Neuman, Mark Neuman, Dena Dawson

Approval of the minutes: Motion to approve: MSC Victor, Gary

Business arising

- ◆ **Miriam's proposal re family education:** Still waiting to see how many people might be interested.

President's report

- ◆ **Nothing to report**

Treasurer's report

- ◆ **J-West wants proceeds from last year's conference** to seed money for future conference
 - ◇ Victor was not aware of the perceived future use of this money. Most of the money (\$1100) has already been spent paying for the youth group to attend the CSJO conference.
 - ◇ As Peretz didn't charge for building rental, unlike other conferences, the proceeds were artificially large. Possibility we can factor out building rental costs and forward J-West the money left (from the \$2000 surplus)
 - ◇ Consensus that we should give them something, at least what they seeded us with plus some but not all of the remaining money
 - ◇ Tabled until Victor can get better figures of costs incurred during conference.

Rental report

- ◆ Zumba to restart in November
- ◆ Karate would like Monday nights but dancers use Mondays. However, Maggie's season ends shortly and we don't know if/when in January she'll be back, which means karate would be a more consistent renter.

New business

- ◆ **Evaluation/outcomes requirements for Federation grant applications**
 - ◇ Federation has hired a consultant to help agencies gear up for more rigorous outcomes evaluation requirements.
 - ◇ Board needs to do post-mortem on every major event and keep minutes
 - ◇ Attendance needs to be taken on all programs and events
- ◆ **Jewish Community Foundation grant (for a project)**
 - ◇ We should apply again this year although we were turned down the last two years.
 - ◇ They won't fund us for anything they've already funded us for or turned us down for.

- ◇ Suggestion we apply for the same funding as we did to New Horizons for Seniors (i.e. seniors lounge mood lighting and improving seniors lounge audio-visual capability)

AGM

- ◆ **Nov. 6, 2011.** Question: should we serve a bagels/lox brunch as we did last year? Answer: yes.

B'nai mitzvah stay-connected group (led by Sula Boxall)

- ◆ **First meeting:** six attendees. Next meeting: Nov. 20. Going to Hillcrest pool and then to Solly's for snacks
- ◆ **Waivers and liability:** we need to consider permission slips/waivers, as these outings are not on Peretz premises. Victor will check with our insurers.
- ◆ **Reduced rate:** Right now, the cost is a family membership. Sula is paid for her time. One child is wavering because of the cost. Decided to give them a reduced rate.
- ◆ **Less attendance than last year:** no one from b'nai mitzvah classes previous to 2010 attending this year. We could ask Sula to attempt to contact past attendees.
- ◆ **Mark Neuman** can help if the group gets too large.

Banquet update

- ◆ **Theme:** Claire wants us to concentrate less if at all on her birthday and more on her contribution to the Jewish community and to Peretz, her dedication to the memory of the Holocaust victims and survivors and to keeping Yiddish alive through song.
- ◆ **Admission:** Charging \$50/person. Donna has requested we have an early bird price of \$45 to encourage advance payment.
- ◆ **Entertainment:** Claire will sing. Colin Nicol-Smith will do a collage, "This is Your Life." Claire's kids are providing photos. There is some footage from her appearances on CBC. Other entertainment being kept a surprise for Claire.
- ◆ **Wine:** No cocktail hour before dinner, as was originally proposed. We will provide two bottles of store-bought wine per table, with option to buy additional bottles.
- ◆ **Appeal:** Bernice doing again this year.
- ◆ **Tribute:** Gyda and Gallia

Sunday school

- ◆ **Attendance:** only one child attending. A second lived in Port Moody and it proved too far. Donna put another ad in the paper but so far no response.
- ◆ **Proposal to finish term** until mid-December and advertise again for January.

Turkish concert at Chan Centre

- ◆ **VIP passes** for pre-concert reception. Formal dress required.

Website

- ◆ **Google places:** Donna signed up. Takes a few weeks to take effect. Peretz currently appears on page 4 of search for hall rentals Vancouver. Eventually we should have a letter on the map result for this search.
- ◆ **Increasing visibility:** Gary used Scottish Hall as template and showed Donna how to copy the adapted code into our website.

AGM addition

- ◆ **Attendance:** need more streamlined process for standing for the Board. We should hype the meeting to get more interested in standing.

Independent Jewish Voices proposal

- ◆ **Philosophers Café:** They would like to hold one here to discuss the Israel-Palestine situation. Jewish Historical Society holding one in February on the exact same topic. IJV will come to the next meeting to give their proposal.

Executive responsibilities

- ◆ Board members must renew their memberships before or at the AGM
- ◆ Everyone on the Board should make a donation to Federation, who “strongly recommend” it.

Sholem Aleichem Seniors meetings on weeks when there’s a Fraytik Tsu Nakht

- ◆ Claire and Lorraine discussed the fact that they seniors who set up for FTN are too tired after the SAS. Claire suggested cancelling the meeting on those days. Lorraine objected because of loss of pay. Option to meet in the library but not serve food that week. Library meeting also limits type of program.

Motion to adjourn: Anton. Next meeting: Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011.