

Minutes of Peretz Executive Meeting

October 21, 2010

In attendance: Louise Miller, Richard Rosenberg, Donna Becker, Sylvia Friedman, Bernice Kastner, Victor Neuman, Dena Dawson, Anton Friedman, Mark Neuman

Motion to approve agenda: MSC Bernice, Victor

Motion to approve minutes: MSC Anton, Victor

Business Arising

◆ **Cutting phone costs**

- ◇ David Skulski looked at current system and informed us that the system is hard wired and any changes, even small such as adding caller ID to current system, even switching to BabyTel, would require a telephone installer such as VanDelta to come in.
- ◇ Donna will get clarification on this and also see if David is going to submit a proposal.

◆ **Portable tap floor**

- ◇ Donna found a snap-lock floor made in US but has Alberta distributor.
- ◇ "Base" model, plain grey, is \$2.95 sq. ft. Nicer finishes are \$6.95. We need about 400 sq. ft.
- ◇ They are shipping samples
- ◇ Donna and Sue applying for Foundation grant to purchase. Details of joint ownership being worked out.

President's Report

- ◆ Federation campaign soliciting ongoing

Treasurer's Report

◆ **This report same as year end report to be presented to AGM**

- ◇ Some reductions in costs
- ◇ Earnings down; especially feel the loss of the Casino grant
- ◇ Expenses cut
- ◇ This year's deficit down slightly
- ◇ Need to continue cutting costs
- ◇ Need to look for more ways to generate money (more rentals, grants, etc.) Rentals account for ~70% of income
- ◇ Option to build a third floor for rentals? Tabled. More information needed, especially, are we allowed to increase our square footage?

New Business

◆ **Intruder came into building**

- ◇ Asked Yiddish teacher for money, pretending his wife was upstairs at dance class. Used a Jewish last name. Used a story about the rabbi being late because his car broke down.
- ◇ Asked dance teacher for money, again using a Jewish name, saying his wife's water broke and he had to get her to the hospital. She gave him money.
- ◇ Donna to report to police and to CJC.

◆ **Elevator update**

- ◇ Another breakdown on a weekend with two events going on. Caused by people forcing the door open again and again. Had to call repairs. They charge over \$100/hour on emergency callouts.

- ◇ Temporary solution: they've attached a brace so the door can't be pushed open past where it comes off the track. (Done on regular service contract.)
- ◇ They are looking into changing the timing so the door stays open 6 seconds rather than 3.
- ◆ **Another flood**
 - ◇ Someone again left the dishwasher on and the hood up.
 - ◇ We should replace that faulty part that prevents the dishwasher from shutting off
 - ◇ Meanwhile, Donna posted a sign saying only Peretz staff or other authorized people allowed to use dishwasher.
 - ◇ Padlock the dishwasher?
- ◆ **Air conditioner**
 - ◇ The whole north side of the building rattles
 - ◇ Victor to contact Nick Dyson
- ◆ **Fire inspection**
 - ◇ Batteries were already changed
 - ◇ Our company (Vancouver Fire) never inspected below the first floor—against code.
 - ◇ FirePro (the company the Grove uses) submitting a proposal. It will look high because it includes P1, P2, the sprinkler room, etc.
- ◆ **Bingo update**
 - ◇ Victor went to see Stephen Kaplan's cosmic bingo at the Italian Cultural Centre. Regular bingo very well attended, cosmic not so much.
 - ◇ Space issue for us: with all the equipment, how many could we realistically fit into the auditorium?
 - ◇ If bingo is possible at Peretz, we would need to see Stephen's budget. Would 25-30% cut for him be realistic on both parts?
- ◆ **Youth group**
 - ◇ Mark emailed 20 families; four kids interested
 - ◇ He feels confident more will join
 - ◇ First meeting in a couple of weeks to meet parents and kids
 - ◇ Monthly meetings (8 per year)
 - ◇ Open for current B'nai Mitzvah students and recent grads
 - ◇ \$100 per year
 - ◇ If more than 10 kids, probably need an additional leader. (Sula not returning his calls but there are other possibilities.)
 - ◇ Payment up front for entire year vs postdated cheques. One family would like to pay as they come, with a small membership fee. It was felt this wouldn't cover costs.
- ◆ **Jewish Seniors Alliance planning meeting**
 - ◇ Al Stein agreed to go to meeting (Thurs, Oct. 28). The meeting is to brainstorm a theme for this year's conferences. We would probably want to host one again.
- ◆ **Update on B'nai Mitzvah '12**
 - ◇ Interest from one more family, which would make four, which means we could start.
 - ◇ Donna to place another ad in the Independent
- ◆ **Community Sunday coming up (Oct 24)**
 - ◇ Not sure how many we'll get.
 - ◇ No program for small children, as the older class will be at a workshop at the JCC

Motion to adjourn: Louise. Next meeting: Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010