

Minutes of Peretz Executive Committee Meeting

November 13, 2008

In attendance: Anton Friedman, Sylvia Friedman, Donna MacDermot, Richard Rosenberg, Louise Miller, Victor Neuman, Bernice Kastner, Claire Osipov, Gene Homel, Mark Neuman

Minutes: Anton Friedman; typed by Donna MacDermot

Corrections to previous minutes:

Claire left off last month's attendance list. Minutes approved with this correction, Victor, Claire, MSC.

Business Arising

- **Elevator phone:** Maggie no longer works at Schindler. They had sent someone but too early and Amala didn't let him in. Donna spoke to new manager who will re-schedule.
- **Corrosion in janitor's room:** Vent was installed in boiler area to prevent further corrosion in janitor's closet/phone and internet hub. Cost: \$1000, which Richard ok'd. Still would be a good idea to relocate the wiring to the Berson lounge cupboard.
- **Graffiti:** After deciding not to repaint at this time, the City inspected and gave us notice and a deadline. City supplies the paint. They granted us an extension until Nov. 28, but must be done. Victor wants a gate to lock off the garbage bay, which is at present a good hangout. Donna to look into getting a convex mirror for the alley, both to reduce the likelihood of a car crash and to make the garbage bay more visible.
- **B'nai Brith Youth Organization:** Uncomfortable with one of Victor's changes. They will review and send back to us. They have already rented the Berson lounge for their first meeting.

President's Report

- **Council of Presidents meeting:** Concern about finances/fundraising due to slumping economy.

Election of the Officers for 2008-09

Position	Nominated	Seconded	Elected
President	Anton	Louise	Richard Rosenberg
Vice-President	Anton	Victor	Bernice Kastner
Treasurer	Bernice	Louise	Victor Neuman
Recording Secretary	Victor	Mark	Anton Friedman
Corresponding Secretary	Anton	Mark	Louise
	Anton	Victor	(Gene deferred to Louise)

Mark Neuman and Gene Homel will be members at large,

Treasurer's Report

- None, as it would be the same as the report made to the AGM

New Business

- **AGM post mortem:** Food and entertainment helped bring in more people, but still not enough. But we should do something similar next year.
- **Banquet:** Press release was sent out. Six couples will be renewing their vows: Annie Olafson/Ben Taub, Carl Rosenberg/Delta Vazquez Léon, Judith Vosko/Dave Marriott, Loree Rose/Paul Jacobs, Si and Mia Bonnettemaker, and Judy and Colin Nicol-Smith.
- **Latin American Jewish Festival:** cancelled. Gloria resigned from the committee. David Skulski sent out 100 fundraising requests but we only received one cheque, for \$25. We will have to give the grant money back, or ask for a rollover. Donna to determine if it was Federation or Casino that gave us a grant specifically for this project.

All together we had \$4000 in grant money. David projected \$8000 as the cost. We'll have to pay Nora Patrich for her poster concept. Gloria quit over Donna's concern about the content of this poster (with agreement from Claire and Sylvia), as it was all women and had no Jewish content. Claire suggests writing a letter to Gloria. Louise as Corresponding Secretary will do.

- **Seniors' Alliance:** Still want us to close off the reception area to make office space for them. That space is very small and would have to be extended into the lobby to accommodate them. The first thing someone coming into the Peretz would see is this office, rather than the Peretz office, so not a good idea. Suggested, (facetiously?) that we let them fundraise to build a third story on the building, but probably the City wouldn't allow it.
- **Gene:** New Board member-at-large will be teaching Thursday evenings from Jan–mid April. Will need an alternate for him. Claire will be gone at that time as well. We hope Harold and Bluma will stay on as alternates.

Next meeting: Dec. 18. Motion to adjourn: Gene. Meeting adjourned.