

Minutes of Peretz Executive Meeting February 17, 2011

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

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

Business Arising

- ◆ **Surveillance cameras**
 - ◇ Montessori school objected to having a camera in the classroom, as the images could be accessible on the internet.
 - ◇ Renters should be informed about cameras and recording system. Donna to make signs.
 - ◇ Will be able to check security cameras online. Victor will set up passwords for exec members with lower-level permissions.
 - ◇ Dominion Security did the installation: 8 cameras with option of adding up to 16.
- ◆ **Jewish Historical Society** began renovating the Berson Youth Lounge in order to move in for March 1.
- ◆ **Banquet:** cancelled. Stephen Kaplan has a plan for a casino/cabaret evening. Need to look into further.

President's Report

- ◆ Council of Presidents meeting postponed for the second time; now scheduled for Tues, Mar. 1, 7:30. Bernice can attend (tentative).

Treasurer's Report

- ◆ **Needed to transfer** funds from term deposits (building contingency fund) into chequing account.

Rentals Report

- ◆ December: slow, also January. February looks like it will be busy.
- ◆ Must be careful not to cancel regular rentals too often.

New Business

- ◆ **Fire proposal:** tabled.
- ◆ **Latest hate mail:** We and several other Jewish organizations received anonymous letter, no return address, from England, with swastika and "jude" star on the letterhead, purporting to out a pedophile. The police have been looking into.
- ◆ **CSJO membership:**
 - ◇ Their dues have gone up to \$50/household. Most of our members (seniors, choir, students) pay only \$55.
 - ◇ Donna to write to them to get an adjustment for current year, and to find out about individual memberships.
 - ◇ They want us to send our membership list but it is against Canadian privacy laws so we wouldn't.

- ◆ **Blog:** Anton and Mark to meet to discuss.
- ◆ **Volunteer appreciation:** Donna suggested a tea to recognize the volunteers. Maybe late June?
- ◆ **Seder prices:** keep the same as last year (\$36/\$18)
- ◆ **Family education grant**
 - ◇ We received \$1800 from Federation. It went into general revenues.
 - ◇ Federation wants a report on how we spent/are spending it.
 - ◇ Louise could do orientation for b'nai mitsvah families and intro to holidays for non-Jewish spouses.
 - ◇ Miriam doing several activities with Sunday school that would qualify, e.g. family shabbes, Feed the Hungry.
 - ◇ Donna to meet with Anne Andrew to get some ideas.
- ◆ **VOIP**
 - ◇ Gary thinks savings not worth switching from Telus, once we stop paying for Yellow Pages.
 - ◇ David Skulski feels that if all the regular tenants shared a VOIP system, savings could be considerable
 - ◇ David and Gary could meet to discuss.
 - ◇ Consensus: to drop this topic for a year and take it up again later.
- ◆ **Photocopier:** Our lease with Canon is up in February. Switching from Canon to Automation One as provider and servicer will save us \$1300 a year in lease and usage fees.
- ◆ **Rodent report**
 - ◇ Orkin set traps and caught one mouse over 2-week period. Traps not working.
 - ◇ Iosif also sets traps and catches a few more.
 - ◇ Montessori still having a bad infestation
 - ◇ Need to make sure no food left out overnight.
- ◆ **Matzo ball cook-off**
 - ◇ Going ahead with it on April 10.
 - ◇ Need better advertising this year
 - ◇ Perhaps a trophy for the winner
 - ◇ Play music during the event
- ◆ **Reduction of choir costs**
 - ◇ Gaming grant covered a lot of the choir costs but they aren't available anymore.
 - ◇ Might have to cut back on ringers or find other grant funding for the choir.
 - ◇ Could look for other ways to save money.
 - ◇ A CD would help with funding agencies. Choir has the money but not the voices right now.
- ◆ **Grants:** Cold find someone to help identify and apply for grants.
- ◆ **Jewish Historical Society** made Peretz complimentary members, which gives us a newsletter for the library.

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