

# Minutes of Peretz Executive Committee Meeting

April 16, 2009

In attendance: Sylvia Friedman, Richard Rosenberg, Louise Miller, Victor Neuman, Bernice Kastner, Anton Friedman

Minutes: Anton Friedman; typed by Donna MacDermot

## *Corrections to previous minutes:*

None. Minutes approved, Louise, Victor, MSC.

## *Business Arising*

- ◆ **Chairs:** David Mendell phoned. Said we should consider recovering rather than replacing. Will come to the Peretz to look at them.
- ◆ **Donor cards:** Completed and shown. To be discussed next meeting regarding possible graphics.

## *President's Report*

- ◆ **Council of Presidents:** Meeting in June.
- ◆ **Seder:** was great!

## *Treasurer's Report*

- ◆ **Seder:** Small profit.

## *New Business*

- ◆ **False alarms:** Two this year already. Three is the limit before they disregard and then charge us a hefty fee to reinstate.
- ◆ **Signing authority revisited:** Donna has restarted the process to add signators, as it was never carried to completion last time. First step is getting all current members to sign. VanCity also needs Board minutes, signed by two signators, authorizing.

**Motion to add Louise Miller, Claire Osipov and Dena Dawson to the list of signators: Bernice, Victor, MSC.**

- ◆ **Energy assessment report:** Suggests we put louvers on the west facing windows of the Berson Youth Lounge to block out sun in summer. Probably not worth the expense. Suggests dimmable lights in lobbies (infrared halogens)—fewer than at present, independently circuited so only a few can be used if desired. Suggests (regular domestic fridge in upstairs kitchen so that the big cooler can be kept off when not needed for a big event or rental—immediately doable. Air conditioning system: filters haven't been changed in a long time. Suggests a different—cheaper, easier to install, energy saving—hot water heating system for next time. Suggests lengthening the pulls on the auditorium blinds so they can be kept open in winter and closed in summer—immediately doable. Noticed ventilation grate in coordinator's office needs cleaning. Suggests we contact Broadway Refrigeration to see if they would take us on

for systems maintenance.

- ◆ **Second “hate call” received:** Sounds like an orthodox Jew. Dumped a bunch of rage at secularism.
- ◆ **Mention of Peretz Centre in Jewish Tribune article criticising Rabbi David Mivasair:** Peretz mentioned twice, in a way that reader could infer was an exhortation to direct action against us for hosting open discussion of Israel-Palestine issues. Many statements in article were simply untrue, such as that anti-Israel placards were put up for the Jeff Halper talk. Victor suggests writing letter to the editor that the Peretz is not a political organization but rather promotes Jewish cultural values.  
**Motion to send a letter to the Tribune: Victor, Bernice, MSC.**
- ◆ **Evacuation route plans:** Victor created these (AutoCad). Both floors shown. Will be put up on walls but not handed out to renters (as was originally planned) for security reasons. Renters should sign waivers saying they are aware of escape routes, fire extinguishers, etc.
- ◆ **Next meeting:** walk around by executive.

*Next meeting: May 21. Motion to adjourn: Louise. Meeting adjourned.*