

Peretz Executive Meeting

Tue June 16, 2009

In attendance: Gene H., Anton F., Louise M., Dena D., Richard R., Victor N., Bernice K., Donna B., Sylvia F.

Corrections to Previous Minutes

VanCity now spelled Vancity

Business Arising

- ◆ Louise as building manager not going to happen as an ongoing position – was hired to tackle tasks needed to be done. Position will be Assistant to Donna.
- ◆ Donna will be on vacation from June 18-Aug 4th. Louise will fill in while Donna is away
- ◆ Donna still has to talk to Jordan DeVuyst (684-6291), Strata manager, about Grove key

President's Report

- ◆ Meetings coming up
- ◆ We received 20% less from Federation from previous year's due to cutbacks

Treasurer's Report

- ◆ 20% reduction from Federation grant funding this year.
- ◆ Running deficit this year: Must cut down on needless spending.
- ◆ Would like to install measure that expenses over \$200 must get Treasurer's approval.
- ◆ Attempt to get more donations for items needed e.g. Fridge and computers

New Business

- ◆ **Volunteer appreciation:** Some event or thank you to volunteers. Perhaps a pot luck picnic or wine and cheese; special movie screening
- ◆ **Sound System:** Iosif suggested we get cheaper speakers staggered around the room pointed inwards to prevent speaker blowouts and noise complaints. Victor – we already have rear speakers that can compensate front speakers and proper use can prevent blowouts. Speaker blowouts occurred 3 months ago and have been fixed.
- ◆ **Report from school committee meeting**
 - ◇ This year's classes had 7 student (excluding B'nai Mitzvah)
 - ◇ Louise will not teach next year – we need fresh "younger blood" but she will help out wherever needed
 - ◇ Suggesting combined classroom with 3 teachers and separate stations for separate age groups.
 - ◇ Should get more younger teachers
 - ◇ Two children from Club Peretz will be moving up to B'nai Mitzvah

- ◇ Hopefully can get more children for next year.
- ◇ Up to 10 students for 2 teachers; more than 10 students – 3 teachers
- ◇ Sylvia : Mothers and tots (from Toronto Winchevsky Centre) very successful. Could implement here - info to follow

◆ **Security Grant**

- ◇ SIP (Security Infrastructure Program for education centres, community centres, places of worship. 50/50 funding up to \$5000
- ◇ Federation security grant (possible dual funding) to perhaps fund some of our 50% of SIP funding ie security cameras with internet based viewing - \$20,000
- ◇ Other security cameras (minor improvements)
- ◇ Other window grating, better lighting

◆ **Tour of emergency devices in the building:** At end of the meeting

◆ **Injecting youth into the board:** Inviting more youth to attend general meeting and stand for election (as early as September)

◆ **CSJO:** could they meet here in 2011 or 2012? It may be possible. Could use Jericho Youth Hostel. Could discuss with Bennett Muraskin when he visits in July. Thought of having some connection with California groups

◆ **Yard Sale:** Tentative date Sunday Sept 13. Looked at inventory and will look at advertising and getting donations when Donna is back from vacation

◆ **Air Conditioning:** Phillip Baer noticed system was clogged (not running properly). Get Nick Dyson to come in and work on repairs and servicing. Has already come for inspection

◆ **Chairs:** Grant for new chairs hasn't been used yet. We have one year to spend the money. Bernice's cousin David has store which could supply chairs. He is away but will email soon with pictures – Hopefully new chairs to arrive by September.

◆ **Jewish Tribune:** Richard's draft to Tribune was circulated and Gene put in work rewriting it. Richard said he was commissioned to write the letter and send it off. Gene was concerned that the letter was not positive enough (discussion ensued)

Next Meeting: August 20th

Possible change of weekday for Sept and Oct: Consider 1st or 3rd Monday

Meeting adjourned.