

Minutes of Peretz Executive Meeting August 25, 2011

In attendance: Donna Becker, Sylvia Friedman, Bernice Kastner, Victor Neuman, Mark Neuman, Gary Shilling, Anton Friedman

Approval of the minutes: Motion to approve: MSC Mark, Gary

Business Arising

- ◆ **Rodent update:** Ongoing problem. We'll have to review Orkin contract when it's time to renew.
- ◆ **Air conditioning maintenance company?**
- ◆ **Security:** No. 7 camera not working properly (not recording and archiving correctly). Seniors lounge camera has rain dripping on it so view is obscured. Victor will try to set something up to protect this camera from rain.
- ◆ **Miriam's proposal re family education:** Donna will put the program into the newsletter. Won't start until enough people have signed up. Some grant money for Family Education still to be spent.
- ◆ **Youth group:** Sula is organizing. Will be in newsletter. We'll see how many kids are interested.
- ◆ **B'nai Mitzvah:** Bob will have at least 5 kids. Gene will apprentice.
- ◆ **Community Sunday:** The adult discussion group will still meet but apparently the parents aren't interested. The group could decide whether to move to afternoon or evening. Bernice to send email to the group from last year.

President's Report

- ◆ Richard absent so no report.

Treasurer's Report

- ◆ **Wosk Foundation Israel Bonds offer:** Wosk Foundation offered \$100 for each b'nai mitzvah grad (in fact, for every Vancouver child celebrating bar/bas mitzvah in 2011). In turn, we were to purchase an Israel bond for each child and give Wosk a tax receipt. Tom states this contravenes the laws governing organizations and could jeopardize our tax-free status. He is willing to give a standard receipt, not a tax receipt, or else we should return the cheque. Victor and Tom will draft a letter to the Wosk Foundation explaining the problem and pointing to the Revenue Canada laws re Societies.
- ◆ **Federation campaign:** Letter from them reminding us that our Board has responsibilities to donate and to man the phones. Our allotment has gone up, so we should.
- ◆ **Deficit:** Could be very large for 2010-11. We need to get more donations and increase rentals. Will we have a banquet this year? Themed ones work best. Stay-at-home banquets seem to work also. We should fund-raise at other events. Should this include seder again?
 - ◇ Motion: to raise High Holidays admission from \$5 to \$10. MSC Victor, Gary

Rental Report

- ◆ **Zumba** starting on Tuesday evenings, replacing Jazzercise. Still have Jazzercise's now-vacant Thursday evening and Saturday morning to fill.
- ◆ **Forget-Me-Not Montessori** asking us not to raise their rent the contracted 5% this year, as they are short of students, as School Board offering all-day kindergarten now.
 - ◇ Motion to not raise Forget-Me-Not's rent the contracted 5% this year, with the understanding that this is a one-year-only option. MSC: Victor, Gary

New Business

- ◆ **Membership:** Forms will have a checkbox for people to indicate whether we can give their contact info to CSJO.
- ◆ **Fee increase:** last one was two or three years ago.
 - ◇ Motion to increase all fees by 5%, rounding up to nearest \$5. MSC Victor, Gary
- ◆ **Facebook progress:** Donna and Miriam tried to cancel the old page, which was under Donna's name, and start a new one for Peretz. Process is complicated and in process.
- ◆ **Banquet:** "My Fair Chelm" a possibility. Donna wrote away for it and will give to Claire.

Motion to adjourn: Mark. Next meeting: Thursday, September 22, 2011.