

Minutes of Peretz Executive Meeting September 16, 2010

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

Motion to approve agenda: MSC Louise, Victor

Motion to approve minutes: MSC Bernice, Victor

Business Arising

◆ **B'nai Mitzvah handbook**

- ◇ Not enough children to start 2012 class yet
- ◇ Erica Levy (son is in class of '11) will contact Jackie Krystal ('10 parent) to come in and give them some pointers as handbook won't be ready in time

◆ **Cutting phone costs**

- ◇ Suggestion to switch to internet phone, 1 account for Peretz, Film Festival and Outlook
- ◇ Suggest we also consider Shaw, although probably too expensive
- ◇ Research needed re BabyTel or other internet providers so we don't have to invest in equipment. We should get independent assessment or advice re phone options
- ◇ Yellow pages: expensive, not very useful. Likely Google listings sufficient so we won't renew with Yellow Pages
- ◇ Talk to BabyTel and other service providers

President's Report

- ◆ Federation campaign starting soon
- ◆ Event coming up: lecture by Michael Keefer re book on anti-Semitism and criticism of Israel.
- ◆ Lecture on Sept. 26 about left wing criticism of Israel

Treasurer's Report

◆ **No formal report**

- ◇ Should have year-end numbers next week.
- ◇ Full report next meeting
- ◇ Conference ended up with a small surplus. Money should go into Youth Fund

New Business

◆ **Conference post mortem**

- ◇ Good comments, good publicity, a general success
- ◇ Comment on conference in next Outlook Magazine
- ◇ Discussion and decision to provide Leslie and Shane with a \$50 gift certificate
- ◇ Slideshow of conference now on Facebook. Donna to send to our members

◆ **High Holidays post mortem**

- ◇ Approximately 100 people. Sixty paid.
- ◇ Some feeling that parts are depressing—but consensus is, that's part of the holiday

◆ **Facebook page**

- ◇ For Peretz in general, possibly one for Peretz youth
- ◇ Donna requests Anton and Mark, plus whoever, be in charge of setting up

◆ **Bingo or Texas Holdem fundraisers**

- ◇ Stephen Kaplan thinks these ideas are feasible and would run them for a percentage
- ◇ Bingo would probably be once a week—regular, followed by cosmic at 10 PM. We should look into what materials we'd need to lay out
- ◇ Texas holdem would be a tournament, maybe once a month. Entry fees would be Peretz' profit. Likely cheaper than bingo.
- ◇ Probably better not to serve alcohol at either event.
- ◇ Victor will follow up

◆ **Berman grant**

- ◇ For Yiddish language for children programs; grant application would have to be in Yiddish
- ◇ Possibly get Haya Newman involved?
- ◇ Question if we could get children for this, or if our available Yiddish speakers are “kid-friendly” enough

◆ **Foundation grant**

- ◇ Project grant. Idea: go in with Kol Halev to get the portable tap floor we've been talking about for years.
- ◇ Donna to follow up with Sue Cohene.

◆ **Seemah's book: giving to the Kaplan kids as a “volunteer appreciation”**

- ◇ Board agrees it is a good idea

◆ **Fire panel found; flood; FirePro**

- ◇ Health inspector came on Sept. 14, left dishwasher arm with hood up. That evening, the fire panel at the Grove showed “trouble” in the Peretz kitchen. Their monitoring co. called Phillip (strata council person) all night long
- ◇ There is a faulty pipe that wasn't seated properly so that's why it didn't go off by itself.
- ◇ Kitchen was like a jungle. Water dripping into Iosif's workroom/storeroom. Some books affected.
- ◇ Our company, Vancouver Fire, did an on-site and told us batteries need replacing in the fire panel. It wasn't clear which fire panel this is—if it is the one we share in the Grove basement, then the batteries have already been changed, so Donna hasn't authorized the work.
- ◇ Now it is clear they meant the panel in our kitchen, so we need to go ahead with the work.
- ◇ Donna recommends we switch to FirePro, the Grove's inspectors, so we only get charged for one site visit.
- ◇ Jordan at Grove management needs names of Peretz people to call in an emergency so they don't call Phillip when the problem is on our side. Victor? Iosif?
- ◇ Iosif also needs names and numbers of people he can call in emergency—elevator, plumber, etc.

◆ **Food Bank charges for clean up**

- ◇ Peretz donates the space to Food Bank
- ◇ Tom questions whether Food Bank is paying Iosif for his work for them or we are, or Iosif is being double-paid. He would like FB to pay us and we pay Iosif. Sylvia to look into.

◆ **Federation campaign canvassers**

- ◇ Victor, Sylvia, Louise and Donna will canvass on Monday, Oct. 4, 6 PM

Motion to adjourn: Louise. Next meeting: Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010.