

## Minutes of Peretz Executive Meeting

**September 20, 2009**

In attendance: Gene Homel, Anton Friedman, Louise Miller, Richard Rosenberg, Victor Neuman, Bernice Kastner, Donna Becker, Mark Neuman, Sylvia Friedman, Claire Osipov, and guests Leslie Dyson, Kerry Dyson, Samantha Scott, Shane Dyson, Yael Seid-Green

**No minutes available from last meeting.**

### **Leslie's report on CSJO Western Regional Conference**

CSJO: Mark is the main youth liaison; Sam is the liaison to the CSJO board. Kerry is "sheepdog": gets work done. Yael is visitor from Seattle; attended the recent Western Regional Conference in San Francisco (as did Shane, Leslie, Mark and others).

- ◆ Aiming for 30 full conference registrants and 100 part time
- ◆ September 3–6 (Labour Day weekend)
- ◆ Venues" Peretz for some activities; Plaza 500.
- ◆ Components: Fraytik tsu Nakht, workshops, games (ultimate in park)
- ◆ Need publicity, seed money. Underwriter? Fundraising? We should find low input/high return. Teens could do babysitting, movers. Auction services. Advertise on web, etc.
- ◆ Need to think of supervision for post-b'nai mitsvah attendees.
- ◆ Contact Federation for ideas for outreach.
- ◆ Event for fundraiser: what is the break even point

Richard suggests we get some figures re costs before making decision about whether to host this event. Clarification that this will not replace the regular CSJO conference but may be a way to get more West Coasters interested, and we hope will benefit Peretz via exposure.

### **Volunteer appreciation**

Donna has suggested that we should do better at acknowledging our volunteers. Range from (expensive) catered and served dinner to (free) getting volunteers at events to stand for a round of applause. Sam suggests we get youth involved to do entertainment for an appreciation evening. Resolved to ask MC to get volunteers to rise at next event.

### **Retreat results**

- ◆ **Getting youth involved:** We've been doing this pretty well.
- ◆ **Vegvayer:** this was the most popular result, but we just don't have the funds.
- ◆ No one had the results list at the meeting, so discussion tabled.

### **High Holidays Observance**

Very successful this year. Good feeling and made some money. We hope it translates into membership. Speechmakers should use these occasions to urge people to join.

### **Monthly parking**

- ◆ **Security cards:** can be programmed to only get into the garage
- ◆ **Vision:** 10 spots at \$40-\$50

- ◆ **Administration:** Put someone on (10%) commission to administer, find parkers, deal with post-dated cheques, etc.
- ◆ Storage area, P2: Need to fence it off. Or put items into bike storage area (need to fix lock first).
- ◆ Permits: Donna found out that no special permits or licenses are required.
- ◆ Insurance: any impact on?
- ◆ Issue: Donna to find out the costs of installing a card reader at the top of the stairs to the parkade so people can get into their cars.

**Motion to consider renting a limited number of spaces on a monthly basis. MSC Louise, Mark.**  
**Amended: pending further investigation into card reader.**

### **B'nai Mitzvah Teachers**

- ◆ Richard wants us to be training new teachers for himself and Bob Heyman.
- ◆ Contacted membership but no response.
- ◆ Gene would be interested but not this year. We have had this program for 18 years.
- ◆ Donna will advertise.
- ◆ Sylvia will contact Lawrence and Sula Boxall.

### **Annual Banquet**

- ◆ New date: Jan.10.
- ◆ "Salute to elders" not a popular topic.
- ◆ Sylvia had idea of inviting \_\_\_\_\_, who gets the MOST (Russian Seniors) group up and dancing, but withdraws the suggestion as it would be more appropriate for an evening rather than an interlude.
- ◆ Victor and Claire working on a musical appeal.
- ◆ Price: Raise from \$25 to \$30, with children, students and b'nai mitsvah grads half price.
- ◆ Kol Halev willing to perform
- ◆ Some stand up comedy as well.

### **Susana Herner/Rena Sharon concert**

- ◆ David Skulski has one guarantor and looking for a few more
- ◆ Rena Sharon is a big draw
- ◆ We should have a membership table set up at all events

### **CSJO Board Meeting**

Sam and Mark going, representing CSJO youth in general. Would be good to get more adults going to CSJO.

### **Treasurer's report (see attached)**

Need to do some cost saving this year. Need fundraising committee

**Motion to adjourn: [REDACTED]. Next meeting: Oct. 19.**