

Minutes of Peretz Executive Committee Meeting

January 15, 2009

In attendance: Dena Dawson, Sylvia Friedman, Donna MacDermot, Richard Rosenberg, Louise Miller, Victor Neuman, Bernice Kastner, Claire Osipov, Mark Neuman

Minutes: Louise Miller; typed by Donna MacDermot

Corrections to previous minutes:

None. Minutes approved, Claire, Bernice, MSC.

Business Arising

- ◆ **Key to Grove electrical room:** Letter written and signed by Richard.
- ◆ **Children's library:** Donna has contacted Langara and UBC library schools to find a student to catalog the children's collection as an internship with a small honorarium.
- ◆ **Signing authority:** Need to start process all over of adding signators. Donna to call VanCity to make arrangements.
- ◆ **Elevator phone:** The phone now goes directly to Schindler. But they've charged us \$1000 just to reroute phone? We thought we were getting a whole different system. Donna to phone to clarify.
- ◆ **Donor cards:** Bernice brought samples in that her granddaughter put together. Nice design but Donna would like to re-do typography. Donna, Claire and Dena to meet to look at other samples.
- ◆ **BBYO:** Sent us their signed contract. Ready to start once a week in youth lounge. Victor signed. Donna to contact Matt and see what to do next.

President's Report

- ◆ **Council of Presidents meeting:** None since last meeting.
- ◆ **No quorum last meeting:** This process explained. Donna to leave question marks re movers and seconders, as nobody remembers who did what.

Treasurer's Report

- ◆ **Report:** Victor requests that the Treasurer's report be integrated into the minutes (as below) rather than attached.
- ◆ **End of December statement** compared to same time last year: One-time (not ongoing) rents down, donations/grants/revenues up. Expenses same as last year. Modest surplus. Donna suggested we report this good news in the Peretz Papers, keeping it general, no specific numbers. Our building equity will probably shrink as property values decline during the recession.
- ◆ **Banquet:** very successful.

- ◆ **Gaming grant:** One third of the grant was for the Latin American Jewish Festival, which has been cancelled. Donna has written a letter to them asking whether we can apply that money elsewhere or have to send it back.

New Business

- ◆ **Foundation grant:** Suggestions: kitchen equipment, kiln, dance workshop. Al thinks dance workshop would be low priority. Kitchen equipment could include dishes, food processor, freezer and/or fridge, good knives, tablecloths exclusively for FTN.
- ◆ **Lighting on ramp:** Donna reported that the three lights above the parking ramp are out. The Grove is getting them replaced and will bill us for half.
- ◆ **Pipe above ramp:** Donna reported that the Grove mentioned there is a pipe sticking up on the roof on our side that is dripping onto ramp. Donna to point out to Iosif.
- ◆ **Security contact update:** The company that did the audit (CanPar?) finally has the report. Victor to contact to make appointment to go over the findings. Some of the items the man stressed—that we have no one guarding the door during events—we're not going to be able to deal with.

CJC needs an update. Donna to phone Accurate Alarms and see who the first three on the callout list are and update. Donna will also prepare instructions to the three for what to do if they get called out.
- ◆ **Montessori school update:** Amala wants to sign the contract. Unsure at this point where the contract is. Donna to search for it.
- ◆ **Fraytik tsu Nakht:** February 22 will be dedication of the Seniors Lounge to Gersh Winrob. Harold working on the plaques. Lorne Balshine will show slides of Gersh's collection donated to the Winnipeg Museum. We should publicize it in the Independent as a community-wide event. Must RSVP.

Next meeting: Feb. 19. Motion to adjourn: Louise. Meeting adjourned.