

# Minutes of Peretz Executive Committee Meeting

October 16, 2008

In attendance: Anton Friedman, Sylvia Friedman, Donna MacDermot, Richard Rosenberg, Bluma Field, Louise Miller, Harold Berson, Victor Neuman, Bernice Kastner, Claire Osipov, Federation guest Karen James

Minutes: Louise Miller; typed by Donna MacDermot

## **Federation message**

Richard introduced Karen James, representative of the Jewish Federation. She is vice chair in community development, also works with partner agencies. Thanked us for our involvement in the campaign and answered some basic questions.

## **Corrections to previous minutes:**

Bernice left off last month's attendance list. Minutes approved with this correction, Claire, Victor, MSC.

## **Business Arising**

- **Plaques:** The three Kaplan plaques are now mounted.
- **Elevator phone:** Contract with Chubb terminated. Schindler has been notified to install a phone and begin monitoring it. Apparently, the phone has been ordered and the account given to a field manager, but so far nothing has happened. Donna to follow up.
- **Corrosion in janitor's room:** Due to lack of CO<sub>2</sub> filter on the boiler upstairs, which we've never had and should have been installed at the beginning. Sylvia to contact Hillcrest Plumbing.
- **Sunday School:** In spite of much advertising in the Independent and the Courier, the numbers have remained the same: 7 children divided in two classes.
- **Graffiti:** Iosif feels we should have a light in the garbage entry area. He thinks we should not bother to paint over the graffiti at that spot, only the ones on the outside of the building. Donna thinks we should get City Hall to install a convex mirror at the corner, which would reduce the possibility of cars coming up the parking ramp colliding with cars coming up the driveway, and incidentally would make that garbage bay area more visible. Donna to look into.
- **B'nai Brith Youth Organization:** They have sent a proposed contract. Victor has removed one clause and made some other small changes. Donna to send it to Matt.
- **B'nai Mitzvah:** No '09 class. '10 has 6 students.

## **President's Report**

- **Community Calendar (re fundraising):** So many events happening, it's almost impossible to schedule fundraising events when nothing else is going on.

## **Treasurer's Report (attached)**

- **Discrepancy:** Victor noticed a discrepancy in the bookkeeper's report. Will check with Tom.
- **Choir funding:** Now using gaming account. Tom has set up bookkeeping system so we won't run into the previous reporting problem.

- **Auditors (Marsh and Marsh):** Very expensive, but we need to do it. For one thing, granters always want a copy of the audited statement with the application.
- **Rental revenues:** Up.

### **New Business**

- **Security meeting with Can Pro Risk Solutions:** Main concern is someone at the door. We will get written report. Some recommendations:
  - ◆ Fire extinguishers are all empty, except for the one in the kitchen.
  - ◆ Hide things that are tempting, such as wine bottles or cash boxes.
  - ◆ Cameras that record, including one in the parkade. Should be able to monitor via internet.
  - ◆ Front door: easy to get in and hide somewhere. Iosif can open the side door by just pulling hard sideways.
  - ◆ Fire escape doors need to be locked
  - ◆ Need to develop an evacuation procedure
  - ◆ Maps with fire exits need to be given to renters.
  - ◆ Graffiti area (garbage bay) will become a hangout. Recommend the area be gated off.
  - ◆ All doors not in use should be locked.
  - ◆ Front door needs a better lock, even though it won't be on the master key.
- **AGM:** Nov. 9. We need nominating committee. Victor has done it in the past but doesn't want to do it this year. Nominations from the floor will fill the spaces if anyone steps down. There will be a program and a bagel brunch as an enticement.
- **Annual Banquet:** Dec. 7. A Jewish wedding. Four couples have agreed to renew their vows under the chuppe. Steve Kaplan will do the appeal. Kol Halev dancers are providing entertainment. Their costs: roughly \$1000. They've raised \$600 so far. Are soliciting ads for the programme. Need banquet committee.
- **Dedication of Seniors Lounge to Gersh Winrob:** Will take place Feb. 27. Lorne Balshine will show slides of Harry's donation of Inuit art to the Winnipeg museum.
- **Seniors Alliance event:** Oct. 24.
- **Banquet '09 idea:** Honouring the octogenarians.

**Next meeting: Nov. 20. First item on the agenda: Election of officers.**

**Motion to adjourn: Victor. Meeting adjourned.**