

## Minutes of Peretz Executive Meeting

**December 21, 2009**

**In attendance:** Gene Homel, Louise Miller, Richard Rosenberg, Donna Becker, Sylvia Friedman, Anton Friedman, Bernice Kastner

**Approval of the minutes:** Motion to approve: MSC Louise, Richard

### **Business Arising**

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◆ **Report from Seniors Coordinator postponed again.**

- ◇ Lorraine is involved with planning a possible Seniors Crisis Line. Next meeting in January. She will try to report to the Board in January.

### **President's Report**

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Nothing new to report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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Treasurer absent. Nothing new to report.

### **New Business**

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◆ **Vancouver Community Foundation call for letter of intent (due early Feb.)**

- ◇ Possible projects: atmospheric lighting for seniors lounge (sconces with dimmers like we have in the auditorium)
- ◇ Bridge tables as well
- ◇ Foundation doesn't fund security requests

◆ **Peretz sing-alongs**

- ◇ Donna opened conversation with Bernard Pinsky and Jonathan Berkowitz, who led the JCC "baby boomer sing-along". They are possibly willing to do twice a year, as they are committed to the JCC for twice a year. They would commit for one to see how it goes. If the JCC decides to do it more often, Peretz would bow out as we couldn't compete with them.
- ◇ Would be folk rock, not Jewish music (e.g. Beatles, Joni Mitchell, Simon and Garfunkel, Dylan)
- ◇ Board agreed Donna could pursue.

◆ **Graffiti in garbage bay**

- ◇ Bright red.
- ◇ Should we fence this area? If we do, possibly "they" would tag the building—much harder to remove from concrete.
- ◇ City has cut back the program where they paid for paint, but Iosif still has a lot left.
- ◇ This is part of the security issue. The gate concept needs more thought.

◆ **Change Sholem Aleichem Seniors meetings from Friday to another day**

- ◇ Would make it easier for the people who set up for Fraytik tsu Nakht once a month.
- ◇ Some potential people not attending because they are preparing for Shabbes. Is this the population we are looking to recruit?
- ◇ Uncertain whether we'd lose our people because they have something else on other days. JCC has seniors programming Monday-Thursday, including bridge twice a week.

- ◇ Donna attended community-wide Seniors Think Tank. The point was made that there will likely be a gap between the current senior population and the next group to want seniors programming. This new group (baby boomers) won't want most of the current programming in the community (e.g. bingo).
- ◇ Only 8-10 people attending SAS regularly these days. How to recruit new, younger members?
- ◆ **Vancouver Condominium proposal for new compressor for dry sprinkler system**
  - ◇ Letter mailed to us Dec. 10, and they await our response
  - ◇ Two options: separate our compressor from the Grove's and we each pay our own share from now on (would cost \$3400). Or, get a bigger compressor that we continue sharing. Issue here: how to divide the cost of \$2800.
  - ◇ We propose to divide like we do the water (Donna to look into how we divide the water costs and get back to Vancouver Condo.)
- ◆ **Surcharge for non-members attending Peretz events**
  - ◇ Tom (accountant) says this would be acceptable; wouldn't be construed as a benefit for membership. Donna not sure he understood what we want to do, as surcharge for non members seems like merely a difference in wording but members still get a benefit for joining. Donna to discuss with Tom.
  - ◇ Gene to get second opinion on the matter of whether we can't give any benefits other than newsletter if we give tax receipt for membership.
  - ◇ If we go with the surcharge plan, all programs would have to have membership lists that the facilitator would have to check participants against.
  - ◇ Yiddish reading circle and possibly FTN are two ongoing programs that may have participants who aren't members.
  - ◇ Should we do a membership drive?
  - ◇ Donna feels we may do better raising fees rather than pushing for membership in this day and age.
- ◆ **Security funding**
  - ◇ Jewish Federation will be giving us \$6500. We should hear from SIP (Federal) in January.
  - ◇ Victor recommends we go ahead with gates rather than cameras so we can start now.
  - ◇ Victor to discuss with Shelley Rivkin of Federation whether we can change what we spend the funding on from what we said in our application we would.
- ◆ **Possible cards group**
  - ◇ Bridge? Canasta? The JCC has a very popular bridge game twice a week but it closes down for holidays and some people aren't comfortable at the JCC. Something to explore, as it would need leadership.
- ◆ **Book Festival**
  - ◇ Both Donna and Gene spoke with Nicole Nozick and feel that everything is smoothed out.
  - ◇ We had the opportunity to have a table publicizing Peretz but didn't use it. Next year we'll do better.

**Meeting adjourned. Next meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2010 .**