

# Minutes of Peretz Executive Committee Meeting

February 19, 2009

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

Minutes: Anton Friedman; typed by Donna MacDermot

## **Corrections to previous minutes:**

None. Minutes approved, Louise, Bernice, MSC.

## **Business Arising**

- ◆ **Key to Grove electrical room:** Letter sent but no response.
- ◆ **Elevator phone:** Tom was holding on to the invoice. Our former rep no longer with Schindler. We didn't get the system but the phone in there now seems to be working.
- ◆ **Donor cards:** Donna working on.
- ◆ **BBYO:** Ben Groberman filled out forms. He was introduced to Mark Neuman and may participate in the Ultimate tournament.
- ◆ **Foundation grant (kitchen equipment):** Foundation not giving out any grants this spring as they didn't meet their fundraising target. Will reconsider in the Fall.
- ◆ **Montessori contract:** Signed.
- ◆ **Plaque renaming the Seniors Lounge "The Dr. Harry (Gersh) Winrob Seniors Lounge":** Plaque ready. Adam Berson will hang in time for presentation on Feb. 27.

## **President's Report**

- ◆ **Spoke at SFU:** re Slap Suit by CanWest Global, similar to his talk at Fraytik Tsu Nakht in January.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- ◆ **Insurance:** Renewing building insurance
- ◆ **Directors Insurance:** Board members could be sued as directors. This insurance covers that possibility. Moving back to Morley Shafron at Central Agencies.
- ◆ **Earnings up this year:** Casino grant helped substantially with Choir and Latin American festival. As this has been cancelled, Donna wrote to them asking what to do with the money but hasn't received a response. Victor suggests Donna send a registered letter.

## **New Business**

- ◆ **Club Peretz:** Louise wants to find ways to make it more involving for the group. Some behaviour problems and a wide age range. Recommended to keep younger sibling in younger class, but parents insisted. Suggestion of having both classes together with three teachers. Possible problems with having 2 sets of brothers all together. Another suggestion, to take the younger sibling to the park for Mark's Minutes along with the younger class.

- ◆ **CSJO:** In Philadelphia this year. Two workshops planned for the Vancouver group. Leslie Dyson agreed to coordinate the transportation again this year. One possible new attendee (Nolan Jackson). Leslie suggests Peretz get an air miles credit card and pay the airfare, to be repaid by the families, so as to get the air miles. Need to look into whether this would make up for the annual fee.
- ◆ **Garage sale:** Donna has list of items, plus there's even more. Anton, Mark, Genia to work on it.
- ◆ **Ultimate tournament:** Planned by Mark. Spoke to JCC and BBYO reps to try to get teams together. For spring, with warmer weather.
- ◆ **Energy assessment:** Phillip Be'er, who Donna knows from Ahavat Olam, suggests walk through with a few Board members. \$240, seems worth it. He will recommend people to fix whatever needs to be fixed. *Motion to hire Phillip Be'er to do an energy assessment. Louise, Bernice, MSC.*
- ◆ **Parking open on Sunday mornings:** Suggested by Iosif for parents. Donna suggests asking parents if they would use it.
- ◆ **Yom ha'atzmaut (61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of state of Israel):** They asked us for support again this year for the festivities. We have supported in the past. No cost, we would just be listed as a sponsor. *Motion to support: Victor, Louise, MSC.*
- ◆ **Security:** Donna attended workshop. Advised to make a safety procedures manual. Front door lock not strong enough. Both doors need upgrades. CJC coordinating safety in the community. For example, Donna received a call from a woman wanting to know what the Peretz is doing about Israel. Apparently, this woman or several women have been phoning all the Jewish organizations.
- ◆ **Jeff Halper talk:** Ahavat Olam presented his talk on Israel. Seniors Lounge was completely full, with people out in the lobby.
- ◆ **Vulnerability book:** Victor discussed the report and recommendations from CanPar security assessment. Some recommendations: remove graffiti; use the front desk; keep door locked when no one is in the lobby; hide cash boxes; secure key cabinet; remove wine empties from visibility; more security cameras. Total cost of recording cameras would be US \$20,000–\$40,000. There may possibly be grant funding available from Federation. Idea to wait until after the Olympics to get a better price. Also, fire extinguishers need to be replaced. Need to talk to fire department re inspection. Recommend earthquake kit—we may have to retrieve people ourselves! Should be first aid in kitchen and downstairs (there is).
- ◆ **Bennett Muraskin:** Coming to Vancouver in July. Wants to talk here. Will be speaking at Ahavat Olam as well. Possibly we should have an extra FTN in July for him.
- ◆ **Plants:** Discussion about plants in outer area in corner by alley. Ivy in back was pulled up. Need covering for fence because cars going by are very distracting. Hard to grow anything there because sprinklers are not as designed and not functioning well.

**Next meeting: Mar. 19. Motion to adjourn: Mark. Meeting adjourned.**