

Minutes of Peretz Executive Committee Meeting

September 20, 2007

In attendance: Harold Berson, Gallia Chud, Dena Dawson, Bluma Field, Sylvia Friedman, Bernice Kastner, Donna MacDermot, Louise Miller, Victor Neuman, Claire Osipov, Richard Rosenberg, Lorraine Isaacson

Regrets: Anton Friedman,

Minutes: Louise Miller; typed by Donna MacDermot

CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:

None. Motion to accept the minutes: MSC: Bernice, Victor

BUSINESS ARISING

- **Vancouver Community Foundation** has approved our Letter of Intent re a grant for computers and a digital camera. Grant application deadline: Oct. 26.
- **VANOC** got in touch with Sylvia and came to see the building re using the Peretz Centre as a venue before and during the Olympics. They will list us. Events may start in 2009.

REPORTS

- **President's report:** nothing to report. Later in the meeting, amended: Richard gave a presentation about secular Judaism to the North Shore Unitarians.
- **Treasurer's report:** Tom away so Victor doesn't have the most recent figures. He will make a comparison sheet of year to date/last year available at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **RH/YK post mortem:** A wonderful and successful event. The best in recent years. Only criticism was placement of CJA appeal: Should be at beginning and not interrupt the proceedings. Sylvia thanked Richard for his fine speech. A B'nai Mitzvah parent suggested that we move the observance to the morning, during class time, so that more families would come. The problem with this is that the choir professionals aren't available in the morning. We'll have to consider alternatives for next year.
- **Minutes to be circulated to members:** This was one of the requests at the retreat. Donna could post to the web. All agreed.
- **Alarm system call-out:** Currently, the people notified live far away. It was decided to ask Carl Rosenberg, who lives a block away, to be first on the list. Dena, who lives two blocks away, offered to be on the list, with the understanding she is out of town quite a bit. Louise Miller offered to be the third person.
- **Johanna Krause book launch:** Requested by Penny Goldsmith, who is friends with one of the translators, to launch in conjunction with Ahavat Olam. AO has agreed. Board decided not to go ahead, both because when we have done book launches it is on a rental basis and because of negative feedback from Germany about Krause.
- **Sid Tafler workshop:** "Us and Them". He suggests Nov. 4. Al Stein thinks the workshop is a good idea but we'd need to partner in order to get enough people to afford the event. Nov. 4 too soon. Donna will write to Sid to say no for now, possibly in the spring.
- **Donna's computer:** not doing well. It is hoped she can wait until grant money comes in—if it does.
- **Upgrading kitchen outlets:** We need to replace breakers for two counter sockets in the gallery; higher

amps (plugging in two coffee pots at the Larry Wilde evening blew the circuit breakers). An electrician is needed.

- **Larry Wilde evening post mortem:** Seniors Alliance got 13 new members; we got none. Victor put in many hours on the sound. Clean up and set up were very costly too and weren't taken into account when the cost sharing plan was determined. Claire had suggested we ask at the event for a \$1 or \$2 donation, 20/20 hindsight but a useful suggestion for future events. Gallia felt there was good spin-off in that many attendees had never been to the Peretz before. In future negotiations with JSA, Sylvia suggests we don't "throw in" the building but include it as one of our costs (to cover Iosif, overhead, etc.) Light and sound should also be included.
- **AGM:** Date set for Nov 18. There is a Fraytik tsu Nakht on Nov 16. Peretz Khanike party: Dec. 9 (Sunday).
- **Banquet:** Date set for Jan 27/08.
- **Rose's letter:** Rose suggests we meet with Douglas Todd (religious writer, Vancouver Sun). Decided we should invite him to an FTN. Rose suggested David Millard set some of Miriam Waddington's poetry to music. She also suggested teachers come tell the Seniors about the Sunday School and Bnai Mitsvah programs. However, only Richard would be available. Donna to write to Rose and let her know we appreciated her ideas and will follow up where possible.
- **Louise's class on High Holidays:** most of the participants who sent in feedback got a lot out of it. Louise and others felt there could have been more on secular practice. Suggested she definitely do one for Khanike and use Abe Arnold's book as a source.

Motion to adjourn: Dena

Next meeting: Oct. 18.