

Minutes of Peretz Executive Committee Meeting

September 18, 2008

In attendance: Anton Friedman, Sylvia Friedman, Donna MacDermot, Richard Rosenberg, Bluma Field, Louise Miller, Harold Berson, Victor Neuman, Bernice Kastner

Minutes: Louise Miller; typed by Donna MacDermot

Corrections to previous minutes:

None. Minutes approved

Business Arising

- **Elevator phone:** Contract signed. Chubb will be contacted to terminate the contract. Schindler ordering the part and it is now in the hands of the field coordinator.

President's Report

- **Opening event (Sunday 9/14):** Very nice. B'nai Mitzvah class of '09 disintegrated so there will be no graduation this year. The two remaining students are joining the '10 class. Right now there are 5 girls and possibly one or two boys. Lawrence Boxall, former Peretznik, has been contacted to apprentice, and has agreed.
- **Federation:** They would like to come to our High Holidays observance and talk about Federation - offering information to those who probably don't know the entire role they play.
- **Presidents meeting:** Postponed for now.

Treasurer's Report (attached)

- **Rentals:** up. Donations down. Total revenues up for the last fiscal.
- **Term deposits:** All money not needed is in termdeposits.
- **Wages and salaries:** Up.
- **Casino grant:** Money given for choir and outreach.

New Business

- **Festival Judío:** We didn't get the Heritage grant, as to be eligible we would have had to have municipal support for our last Festival. David S. will write to possible donors. Donna, David and Gloria will meet to redo the budget. Currently, we have \$2500 from Casino and \$1500 from Federation (Outreach). General consensus that we go ahead, even with the bus shelter ads. Nora Patrich will design the poster.
Motion to support the Festival and proceed with posters. MSC: Victor, Bluma.
- **Plaques:** Three possible leaves for the Kaplans: two for Mort and one for Louise. Plaque for Gersh Winrob will be like the other room plaques. We will dedicate the Seniors Lounge for the February FTN. Lorne Balshine will be asked to show slides of Harry's art collection.
- **Alarm process:** Go to the building and see if there was a break in. If so, call cops. If not, go in, turn off alarm and call alarm company.
- **AGM (Nov. 9):** Suggested we bring in entertainment/food to bring people in. Program Committee should plan. Harold suggests having the Winrob plaque unveiled for the AGM. But probably many people who would come for the Winrob event wouldn't be interested in our AGM.

- **Wiring:** Had to replace the corroded router. All main wiring was put into janitor's cupboard. This is not the first vital piece of equipment to corrode away. Victor suggests moving the wiring through the wall to the Berson Youth Lounge. It could be locked away in one of the empty cupboards. Need to ask Iosif, who has an electrician friend.
- **Brindebar:** Production originally for Holocaust commemoration. Claire, Bluma, Gallia and Sylvia saw the play. Maybe we could put it on again, in partnership with the Holocaust Education Centre and the Seniors Alliance. Consensus was it's a great idea in principle; need to further explore
- **Sunday School:** Older kids: four; younger: three. Too small. Donna did lots of advertising (Harold donated \$1000 for this.) Josh Berson has offered to help with the Sunday School classes - giving the kids a hands-on opportunity to create and present Jewish History - and other relevant topics - holidays etc - he would teach them to prepare slide presentations.
- Tammy has done an outstanding job organizing all the curriculum materials. She will also meet once a month with the teachers. Donna will continue advertising and poster.
- **Graffiti:** Has appeared on the outside door to the garbage room and the wall of the ramp. Nothing derogatory, just tags. City Hall has a free paint program. Donna to look into. Need a motion detector light in the back to discourage kids from hanging out.
- **Foundation grant:** Can't apply for more of what we've already asked for, e.g. new furniture. Send other suggestions to Donna quickly. Deadline is in October.
- **Federation campaign:** We need volunteers to phone. For the last few years, Victor, Donna and Karen Coulter have been the only ones.
- **B'nai Brith Youth Organization:** Now separate from BB. Would like our help—they need someone in Canada to do payroll for the person they hire to try to restart a Vancouver branch. Eventually they would like to discuss space, but meanwhile all they need is payroll, which they would pay for. Victor suggests we eventually get a carrel for them to use in the library. Motion: we offer BBYO the help they need with payroll. Louise, Bernice, MSC.
- **Federation funding:** Level I funding \$50,000 spread among 8 schools.
- **Scheduling:** Bluma raised the issue, on behalf of Claire, that too often we have executive meetings the day before FTN. Consensus that all FTNs that are not already committed be moved to a different week than the third Thursday.
- **Sofa:** Suggested we get another sofa, as the little sofa corner is so congenial. Sylvia points out it would make the lobby too cluttered, not to mention that Iosif has to clear the lobby for food bank and that would present an extra challenge.
- **Steam cleaner:** Would cost approximately \$300. Iosif would use it to clean chairs and also the lobby rug. OK to go ahead.
- **School report:** Harold suggests an extensive report on the school. School has many issues, needs a separate discussion.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: October 16.