

Minutes of Peretz Executive Committee Meeting

May 23, 2008

In attendance: Sylvia Friedman, Bernice Kastner, Donna MacDermot, Richard Rosenberg, Claire Osipov, Dena Dawson, Bluma Field, Louise Miller, Harold Berson

Minutes: Louise Miller; typed by Donna MacDermot

Corrections to previous minutes:

None. Motion to accept minutes: Bluma, Dena, MSC.

President's Report

- Spoke at Sholem Aleichem Seniors on his views on secular humanism
- Ahavat Olam: was on a panel to discuss patrilineal descent.

Treasurer's Report (attached)

- Based on last month (Apr. 08)—will be different for May.

New Business

- **Israel at 60:** several members attended. Good music but too loud and too American in focus.
- **Seder:** Roughly \$1300 profit, without Stacey's hours. Lower than last year, a reflection of rise in prices. Should raise our admission fee for next year. Lots of mistakes at seder, especially unorganized clean-up. MC's mike was faulty, should have been pre-tested.

We should teach the kids one Khanike, Purim and Pesach song. Need volunteers to do this. Our outlets insufficient for running all the coffee pots and soup warmers we do at seder; need to fix.

- **CSJO and Workmen's Circle:** This year's CSJO conference jointly sponsored. How did this happen? Constituent agencies weren't consulted. We should send a letter inquiring as to the process. Richard to do.
- **Conflict between SAS and FTN:** Seniors luncheon scheduled on same day as FTN. Too much work for Iosif and the FTN set up crew. Seniors coordinator must check with Sylvia before booking bit events.
- **Cyber security:** Gabriel Faifman (Silvana Goldemberg's husband) does consultation re cyber security. He sent a solicitation. It was felt we already have a resident expert (Richard) so we wouldn't need his services.
- **Security improvements grant:** Donna inquired whether our proposal to Foundation could simply be rewritten for the Federation program. Abba said we needed to have another security audit and should get it in time for the deadline (May 31). When Donna phoned Canpro, the contracted agency to schedule an audit, she learned that we couldn't schedule until August. But that's OK as there will be another intake in the Fall.
- **Elevator phone:** Unplugged, not working. Decided we should pay Chubb to come and fix it. Donna to do.
- **Rose's letter (attached):** Promoting Abe Arnold's book. Many of her suggestions, such as

teachers using it as a reference, already being done. Donna to phone her to thank her for her letter.

- **No Gag:** Mordecai Briemberg is being sued for distributing a parody of the Vancouver Sun. Free speech issue. Sylvia proposes we send our name in to support him. Moved that Richard get in touch via the website to lend our support. Claire, Bluma, MSC.
- **Summer Seniors program:** Coffee, pastry, videos. Average 10-12 attendees. Consensus: run the program again this summer.
- **Revised orchestra proposal (David Skulski):** Not eligible for Casino grant as the program has to have been already running for a year. David seeking other foundation funding.
- **Casino grant:** Some fine tuning still needed. Deadline May 30. Donna will courier it Monday May 26.
- **Paul Rivlin:** Speaker in town and available for free talk re Israel and Middle East economy. Not sure where he stands on the Israel question. Donna thinks it is not political but we need clarification. Donna will investigate further.
- **Signing authority:** Need additional signators as those currently on are not necessarily available on short notice. Claire and Dena live nearby, and Louise is here several times a week. Moved that Claire, Dena and Louise be added to the list of signators. Claire, Harold, MSC

Motion to adjourn: Dena

Next meeting: June 19.