

Minutes of Peretz Executive Meeting

May 20, 2010

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

Motion to approve minutes: MSC Richard, Victor

President's Report

- ◆ None

Treasurer's Report

- ◆ Rentals down slightly
- ◆ Membership increased
- ◆ Revenue up from last year
- ◆ Expenses slightly down from last year, except for chair purchase
- ◆ Grant cutbacks (Federation, Gaming) big loss

Business arising

- ◆ **Jewish directory:** paid.

New Business

- ◆ **Our membership re CSJO:** Their fees too high. What do we get for our affiliation, anyway? Mark was put on the spot re our membership numbers.
- ◆ **Prep for spring concert:**
 - ◇ Guest artists: the Turkish choir that has been rehearsing here for the past few months.
 - ◇ Cutting costs by not videotaping
 - ◇ Choir members should be required to sell tickets
 - ◇ Donna getting posters printed
- ◆ **Grant situation (Donna)**
 - ◇ Applied for \$5000 for west coast conference from Jewish Community Foundation.
 - ◇ Checked with Gaming to see if we could add the conference and the new youth program to our application, but no: they don't fund conferences or new programs.
 - ◇ Vancouver Foundation: they will be increasing funding to arts to make up for provincial cutbacks. They need a personal approach.
 - ◇ SIP grant: Donna checked with Shelley Rivkin; she will check to see if other agencies have gotten notices.
 - ◇ Donna checked with Shelley to see if we could add the new youth program to our allocation request. Shelley will check with committee.
- ◆ **Rentals report (Sylvia)**
 - ◇ Very slow during Olympics.
 - ◇ April: rentals increased. Many smaller rentals (seniors lounge)
 - ◇ June: one party; b'nai mitsvah and spring concert take several dates
 - ◇ July: Scientology renting the auditorium. Hila's summer arts program two weeks this year compared to one last year
- ◆ **New youth program report (Mark)**
 - ◇ Second meeting held on May 15. Great success: went bowling with 16 kids, paid for by parents.

- ◇ Kids excited about next meeting—splashdown park.
- ◇ Discussion about ages of kids: dilemma: one purpose of the program is to bond the b'nai mitsvah kids outside of class, but the younger class is too young for events like Playland: liability concerns. Possibly tell them the Playland trip is a grad present for the older class. Should we ask parents to attend? Definitely not.
- ◆ **B'nai mitsvah orientation**
 - ◇ Guidance needed for parents: more emphasis on classwork, less on the final performance.
 - ◇ Louise willing to give an orientation at the beginning of the year.
 - ◇ No response to Donna's query in the newsletter about an adult b'nai mitsvah program.
- ◆ **Seniors program meeting report**
 - ◇ Numbers dwindling. Not attracting new, younger "active" seniors. This is a problem throughout the community due to changing demographics. The SAS needs to reinvent itself and find new ways to reach younger people. Some words suggested: active seniors, intellectual.
 - ◇ Suggestion for cultural program once a month. Need organizer for this.
- ◆ **Conference planning update**
 - ◇ Raffles for contributed items at spring concert
 - ◇ Objections to name "Jew West." We like J-West better, but how would we make this happen?
- ◆ **Mark and Sula may be retiring from teaching, but will still do the new youth program**

Motion to adjourn: Mark. Next meeting: Thursday, June 17, 2010 .