

Meeting of the Board of Directors, Oak Park Temple B'nai Abraham Zion
Wednesday, September 13 2017
7-8:30pm, OPT

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְעִסוֹק בְּצָרְכֵי צְבוּר:

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech baolam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu la'asok b'tzorchai tzibur.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who sanctifies us through mitzvot and has commanded us to engage in the needs of the community.

Rabbi: Deuteronomy Chapter 31 Netzarim: Moses' final statement. You stand here this day... He addresses all people, including non-Israelites. Rosh Hashanah is the only time in the year when everybody at OPT comes together. Our role at that time is to be welcoming; make contact; Board members are leaders of the community and should help people who are on the periphery; be warm & welcoming; must do more than shake hands. Rabbis can't be personally welcoming during High Holidays because there are too many people.

Minutes of June and August were approved with no changes.

New Year's Greeting Phone Calls: Lists of about 21 members were distributed to each board member, along with a suggested script. If you can't reach by phone, it's OK to send email, titled "Shanah Tovah from Oak Park Temple." Listen to any feedback and note on call lists, and ask whether it's OK to share feedback with Temple. Must complete before Erev Rosh Hashanah.

Greeter & Signup Sheet: November 25 still open for a board representative. [Yes as of that date but now it's filled – there is no way to look online – the office has the list. SS]

Pledge forms: About 18% of households haven't responded (out of about 500 families). High Holiday tickets have been mailed as of 9/13/17. So far most have increased their contributions, some in a big way. Don't have final data yet; will report next month. President encouraged all on board to submit their forms, with increases, even if nominal. No criticism has been noted to this year's more specific letter asking for increases.

List of Financial Needs (not on agenda): Discussion about who is making a specific list of needs. It was agreed that a draft list would be discussed in the October meeting. It was also suggested that Rosh Hashanah greeters not solicit specific needs.

Security System: Security system has been installed. Internet & firewall completed. After High Holidays the office will distribute login instructions for member database. Religious school

parents already have been in the system. Three wifi systems now; OPTGuest is open to all; it is not secure; office can limit access if necessary; will be turned off during High Holidays.

Auction: Rob & Rebecca Frank & Doug & Liz Katz are co-chairing, but need help. Kickoff meeting Monday September 18, 7 pm. The Auction is the last Saturday of January (1/27/2018). Expecting bluegrass music theme; not super fancy; low admission price.

Board Retreat: October 22, 1-7 pm.

Selichot: WoOPT donated the new prayerbooks. Service starts 10:00pm. There will be poetry, the full choir, and changing the Torah mantles to white. Expect a beautiful service.

High Holiday Ushers: need additional signups.

Dates to Remember:

Services Friday night, Saturday morning, Sunday morning
Selichot 9/16 10:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 9/20 eve – 9/22
Yom Kippur 9/29 eve – 9/30
Next Meeting 10/18
Board Retreat 10/22 (any dietary restrictions?)

Attendees: 18 non-staff (quorum requires 16)

Called to order 7:05 pm, adjourned 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted
Alan Fox, Secretary

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