

Har Shalom Board Meeting, November 17, 2015

Agenda

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam. Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu La'asok b'tsorchey tzibbur.
Blessed are you, our Eternal God, ruler of the Universe. You have sanctified us with your Mitzvot, and commanded us to occupy ourselves with the needs of the community.

Review of October Minutes

General items for discussion:

Finance update

Laurie Report – Dances of Universal Peace, Voices of Faith at Har Shalom December 10th,
Interfaith Thanksgiving prayer service, David Lenio effort, Electronic board & chairs resource,
Tzofiya's proposals for building committee

Channukah party, Festival of Lights

Annual Meeting

Open positions

New Chairs (donation)

B'nai mitzvah Guide

Har Shalom Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Holly Kingsford, Bert Chessin, Pat Cohen, Marc Steinberg, Ya'el Winston, Ari Margo, Laurie Franklin, Sherry Kolenda, Lida Running Crane, Barb Gross

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October Minutes	Minutes are approved.	

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Finance Update	<p>Treasurer presents Month-by-Month budget, with actuals for 4 months and estimates for 8. With a couple of successful fundraising campaigns, we should be able to end the fiscal year in the black.</p> <p>Treasurer presents flow chart that contains options for how to approach the rest of the fiscal year.</p> <p>Board decides to use a recent large contribution towards Operating rather than the Building Fund or Capitol Campaign.</p> <p>Treasurer presents Income Budget and Expense Budget.</p> <p>Board discusses contributing to other organizations when possible. This could connect us more with the outside world.</p> <p>Finance Committee and team are working towards getting a \$10,000 pledge for a matching campaign. Board discusses whether next fund raising campaign should go towards the mortgage or operating.</p>	

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Chanukah Party & Festival of Lights	<p>Chanukah party will be on December 12th. Hanukiah to be moved into its permanent position. Building Committee to organize people to move the Hanukiah safely.</p> <p>Missoula County has not reached out to us regarding the Festival of Lights. We may end up reading stories and playing dreidel games in the Library. A dreidel making workshop involving the Craft Club is proposed.</p>	

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Laurie's Report	<p>Laurie describes Dances of Universal Peace, a group activity with live musicians. Lyrics are from various religions, and are very easy to learn. There are people in Missoula interested in participating. Har Shalom may provide the venue.</p> <p>MIC is having a holiday gathering called Voices of Faith. The Board voted by e-mail and approved the use of Har Shalom as a venue. Voices of Faith will bring chairs and cookies! 7pm, December 10th.</p> <p>Laurie will be working with several organizations to take a stance against anti-Semitism. The accused should receive a fair trial, but not an easy way out.</p> <p>Board discusses having an online portal for Board members and Committee Chairs to give them access to useful resources.</p>	

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Chairs	Board discusses replacing and/or refurbishing chairs throughout Har Shalom.	

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Annual Meeting	We need a form (that may already exist) for volunteer opportunities with the various committees at Har Shalom, to be ready for the Annual Meeting.	Ari to prepare form(s) for Annual Meeting.

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Administrator Schedule	Administrator will be out of town the week of Thanksgiving. Administrator requests a change in his office hours. Board approves 9am-1pm hours for Administrator on Fridays.	

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Rental Space	<p>Administrator presents results of research into the average cost of meeting rental space around Missoula.</p> <p>One member expressed interest in renting space.</p>	

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ShulCloud & Calendar	Our ShulCloud account has been deactivated, due to a variety of technical and logistical issues. We will continue using Constant Contact for the newsletters and weekly letters, and Har Shalom will be responsible for that expense. New Google Calendar is now on website, with many dates filled out throughout the end of the fiscal year. Another website update is planned for the Photo Gallery.	