

June 28, 1955

A meeting of the committee for a United Jewish Community in Beaver Valley was held in the Council House in Beaver Falls. The chairman pro tem, Mr. Jacob Venger, asked for nominations from the floor for a temporary chairman. Dr. ~~M.F.~~ Pettler nominated Jacob Venger. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Harry Ganelin, and approved by all present. The chairman suggested that a nominating committee be formed to present a slate of permanent officers. Mr. Leonard Bortz made the point that such an organization as this one being formed would be not only for the purpose of building a community building but also for the purpose of forming a unified community. Mrs. Harry Greenblatt asked for a concise list of goals towards which such a group would aim. ~~Dr.~~ Pettler pointed out that the appointed representatives at this meeting have not been empowered by their separate groups to make decisions but only to report back to their groups what has taken place.

Mr. Morton Ganelin moved that the following goal be adopted: This group is meeting for the purpose of forming an organization to unify the Jewish community and to build a Jewish center with the help of all the existing local organizations. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Phillip Gordon. A discussion followed on how far this present group should proceed. A vote was taken on this motion and it was so ordered. Mr. Milton Farkas pointed out that it might be better if this group functions as a separate group and go to the other organizations for help when a plan has been formulated. By general opinion it was decided that the vote of those present be individual votes and not be representing any particular organization.

It was suggested by Mrs. Leonard Schwartz that the appointed representatives make up the nominating committee. Mr.

T. A. Tenor suggested that the permanent officers be members at large so that the appointed representatives would not be divided by dual loyalties. This suggestion was overruled. By general consensus it was agreed that the nominating committee should meet in separate session. Mr. Norman Soodik moved that the appointed representatives make up the nominating committee in addition to 3 persons at large. This motion was seconded by Mr. Morris Labovitz. A vote was taken and the motion carried, with one opposing vote.

Mr. T.A. Tenor pointed out that there should be a temporary constitution so that it might have a method of operation. Mr. Bortz moved that the chairman appoint a committee to formulate a provisional charter to be presented at the next meeting. The nominating committee would then meet after the charter committee so that they would have some idea as to what officers would be needed. This motion was seconded by Mr. Morton Ganelin. A vote was taken and the motion carried. It was suggested by Mrs. Schwartz that the committee on the charter try to consult with other communities who have done the same thing so as to better be able to draw up such a charter. It was suggested that the next meeting of the group be held one month from this meeting date. It was moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

(Mrs.) Helen Zonis, Sec'y pro tem.