

Special Membership Meeting 2/11/59

A special meeting of the Membership was held in the Pleasant Hills Boro Building on February 11. It was called to order at 9:25 PM. Hostesses for the evening were: Mesdames J. Edgar Rosenberg, Stanford Rosner, Saul S. Berliner, Sid Kaufman, and Del Grosser.

Forty-five members were present at the start of the meeting. Quorum required: 32. A total of 53 were present at various times during the evening.

Dr. Markowitz moved that fee of \$20 required for membership in this organization be reduced to \$10 for any one who has joined since ~~May~~ February 1. Action to be for this year only and membership to expire Sept. 1. Mr. Berman seconded the motion which carried.

A report on Growth Prospectus was submitted. Dr. Markowitz pointed out the need for a religious, educational and social facility. Mr. Harris as chairman of the house committee pointed out that a 50 x 100 foot building, suitably partitioned and equipped, would cost about \$60,000 for minimum construction. Group needs one-half that amount before it can secure a mortgage. \$100 per family for three years would secure the building if membership continues at a rate of 80 families (this is in addition to dues and other operating fees). Mr. Nissenson spoke on the spiritual need for the building.

Dr. Markowitz ~~repeatedly~~ moved that the report of the site and housing committee be adopted and be accepted as the basis for further study of what the organization wants. Mr. Rosenthal and Mr. Eilbert asked that alternates to the building program be discussed. Dr. Markowitz' motion was tabled.

Dr. Weiss reported on contact with the committee of the New Beth El to discuss merger of Beth Israel and Beth El. He reported there was no discussion of any type of merger but of absorption by Beth El of Beth Israel. Beth El's committee asked to meet with our Board. Board resolved that it wasn't sure of what they offered in way of benefitting people of this area directly. They are having a meeting Sunday at 8 PM in Andrew Mellon Junior High School. Membership is welcome to attend. Board is not in a position to tell the membership as individuals of the direction of their religious affiliations.

Mr. Weisberg summarized the financial and other features of the Beth El committee's advices.

Dr. Markowitz submitted the following modified motion: "I move the adoption of the preliminary report of the site and housing committee with the understanding that adoption of this motion represents the will of the group to proceed with further studies in this direction. This motion was carried unanimously.

A report on How to Raise Money was heard. Mr. Arnowitz told of plans to raise upwards of \$9000 which were approved by the board. A raffle was to be held May 22. He moved that the group approve expenditure of \$772 for this purpose and accept the raffle as stated.

Mr. Weingart moved that the motion be amended to read that the three prizes in the raffle be major appliances. The amendment was defeated.

Mr. Berman moved to table the motion. The move to table was defeated.

Mr. Weingart moved to vote solely on the question of whether we do or do not want a raffle. Group voted for a raffle.

Mr. Weingart moved to amend so that the prize would be a piano.
Move to amend was defeated.

The question was called. Motion to approve the expenditure of \$772 and accept the raffle as stated was defeated. The Parliamentarian then ruled that the original motion and all its amendments was lost.

Jane Markowitz~~xxxx~~ moved that a raffle be held with details left to discretion of the planning committee and expenditure to be less than \$500. This was amended so that price of tickets was to be less than \$1. Amended motion carried.

Mr. Henderson moved that the person handling funds of fund raising events be bonded. This motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned for refreshments at 12 midnight.

Respectfully submitted

Saul S. Berliner