

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - BETH ISRAEL CENTER  
February 24, 1960

The Board convened at 9:30 P.M. at the Rosenberg home, with the full Board in attendance, plus Irwin Becker, Activities Committee Chairman and E. Weissburg, Sisterhood President. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The Sisterhood report, attached, was read and accepted as expanded thereon.

The attached Membership report was read and accepted.

The attached Activities report was read and accepted.

The Planning report, attached, was read and accepted.

Dr. Markowitz moved that a special committee be formed to investigate outside gifts. Motion passed. The President appointed Sid Friedlander as Chairman of the Special Gifts Committee. The following Directors volunteered to serve on the committee: J. Weissburg, R. Melhado, P. Nissenson.

Contacts made by Directors in regard to pledges and payments were reviewed and future contacts were discussed.

The attached report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted as added to thereon: The Financial Secretary indicated that two members are in arrears (one by approximately \$190) on membership and school payments since last year. A group headed by Ray Berkowitz, including Del Grosser and Joe Markowitz, will visit this individual.

Religious Affairs - The Herzog Bar Mitzvah has been arranged for April 30th at the Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church. The Church will permit us to hold Friday night (April 29th) services there, as well, to ease our handling of the ARK. Herzog and Weingart will arrange for transporting the equipment to and from the Church.

The Presbyterian Church Women's Group has requested that the Center hold a Seder luncheon at the Church for 200 women on Thurs. April 14. Cantor Haalman has offered to lead the affair. Sisterhood was asked to provide women to assist. It was the consensus of the Board that the Cantor could lead a mock Seder and explain Seder customs, without involving the Center in a complete Seder with religious significance.

Education - Cantor Haalman has requested that his status for next year be clarified by March 15th for personal reasons. Chairman Melhado presented the following alternatives that the Cantor has indicated as a basis for discussion:

1. A 5 year contract at \$6000 for full time service, including, complete Cantorial, School, and Congregation leadership duties.
2. A one year contract for \$4000 for part time service on his existing duties, with more time available next year.

A motion that the Board approach the Cantor on a one year contract at up to \$4000, subject to organization approval, was passed unanimously.

Site - Samuels has the zoning papers prepared and will submit as soon as possible. Chairman Grosser indicated that he is unable to hurry Samuels or assist him further, but that Jefferson Solicitor Mamula has indicated that we have no problem. The Board agreed to wait for Samuels, rather than attempt to shift lawyers.



Adult Education - E. Weissburg requested that the Board consider Adult Education classes for next year.

Meetings - The next Board meeting will be held March 23 at the home of Sol Berliner.

The March 30 Election Meeting will be held at the McClellan School, starting at 9P.M.

The President called a Special Meeting to be held at 10P.M. on March 30 to discuss urgent budget commitments.

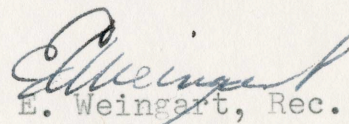
Equipment - Need was expressed by the Treasurer for a box file in which to store bills. J. Weissburg offered to search out a suitable file.

Correspondence - The Corresponding Secretary was requested to write Mr. Alfred Katz, to thank him for his assistance to the Finance Committee. The Secretary was also requested to thank Congregation Ohav Zedek of E. Pittsburgh for permitting us continued use of their Torah in our Services.

Notice was given of the coming recital by member Louis Pollak at Duquesne Un. Feb. 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40A.M.

Respectfully Submitted

  
E. Weingart, Rec. Sec.

The original of the report of the nominating committee for Feb 21, 1960 has been attached to these minutes.

E.W.