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TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL  
Sharon, Pennsylvania

June 4, 1981

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

The annual meeting of the congregation as already noted has been changed to Sunday, June 14, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sedalia Ekker Memorial Hall of the Temple. The reason for the change is to attempt to encourage a strong turnout due to the present financial crisis, future lack of leadership, and religious apathy.

The seriousness of the situation necessitated special meetings of the Budget and Finance Committee on Monday, June 1, 1981, and the Board of Directors on Wednesday, June 3, 1981. In order to be in a position to approve the enclosed budget even in the present deficit format, please make every effort to bring the enclosed copy of the budget with you to the meeting. We must make every effort to intelligently discuss and resolve the problems presently facing us as a congregation.

The following members of the Temple Board of Directors shall complete their term of office at the end of the current fiscal year:

- Mr. Bernard Alpern
- Mrs. Harriett Bolotin
- Mr. Henry Ekker
- Mr. Louis Epstein
- Mr. Charles Hersh
- Mr. Frank Szabo.

Mrs. Myra Beloff has continued to serve on the Board representing the Sisterhood and the following members of the Board of Directors will also continue to serve next year:

- Mrs. Joseph Bolotin
- Dr. Donald Cohen
- Dr. Allen Holt
- Mr. Alan Nathan
- Mr. Sandford Robinowitz
- Mr. Leonard Rosenberg (CLU) + Darlene R. - Sisterhood

The nominating Committee consisting of Dr. Allen Holt, Chairperson, Mr. Richard Werner and Mr. Irwin Yanowitz will propose the following slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors for the next fiscal year:

- Mr. Bernard Alpern
- Mr. Charles Hersh
- Mr. Arthur Krieger
- Mr. David Levine
- Dr. Richard Steinfeld.

I take this opportunity to officially thank those outgoing Directors who have served the congregation so diligently and faithfully, both on the Board and in an active capacity in the daily functioning of the Temple.

PLEASE READ THIS PARAGRAPH CAREFULLY!

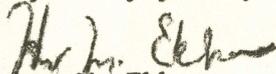
1. The proposed budget will result in a substantial deficit at a time when the Congregation is being reduced, the Sunday School enrollment is getting smaller and the major expenses involved in maintaining the Temple are increasing.
2. There are only five nominees submitted for approval to fill six vacancies on the Board. The Nominating Committee attempted to obtain a full Board, but received more negative responses than affirmative responses. In order to fill the Board at the annual meeting, we are hopeful that there will be a nomination from the Floor.
3. Even more important at this stage is the fact that four offices will become vacant on July 1, 1981; namely President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. This letter lists the present and incoming Board Members and in order to maintain the present Congregation, leadership is not only necessary, but mandatory. Therefore, each of you should consider it your obligation to contact some of these Board Members and impress upon them the urgency of taking over leadership.
4. Rabbi Weingart is starting the last year of the present five year contract.

These matters are vital to our continuance and, therefore, if you have any desire to maintain this congregation, you will attend the annual meeting.

As I am sure you are aware, the constitution denies voting privilege to delinquent dues paying members who have not fully paid up their 1980-1981 dues or any other outstanding obligation.

We look forward to seeing you on June 14, 1981, at 7:30 p.m.

Very truly yours,

  
Henry M. Ekker

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