

**Minutes – OZ Board Meeting – Zoom****Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

**Present:** Naomi Barell, Sophie Miller, Suzanne Brown, Judy Danzig, Harvey Klein, Bill Miller, Jeff Potash, Rebecca Sherlock, Brett Smith, Gary Visco, , Cantor Steve Zeidenberg, Phil Bieber, Judy Hershberg

**Absent:** Navah Spero, Josh Kernoff, Molly Ritvo, Mindy Evinin

**Meeting Recorder:** Yoram

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		<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion, Action Steps</b>
5:30	Inform	<b>D’Var Torah</b>	<b>Rabbi Amy</b>
5:35		<b>Accept December Board Minutes</b>	<b>MOTION</b> accepted by Rebecca, second by Brett. Approved by board.
5:37	Discuss	<b>Vote on New Members</b>  - Pat Riesner  - Albert & Sandy Echt	<b>MOTION</b> New members: Bill made a motion to accept., Mndy second. Approved by board.
5:45	Inform/Discuss	<b>Financials</b> • <b>Treasurer’s Report</b>	Bill updated the board on the current budget, all looks good.

<p>6:0 0</p>	<p>Motions</p>	<p><b>Action Items</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> <i>The OZ BOARD approves spending up to \$20K on the items/installation costs specified for the purpose of upgrading technology in both sanctuaries. The intent of the EC is to raise these funds within the current fiscal year.</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>MOTION:</b> <i>The OZ BOARD approves a 2-month short-term contract with Dan Rome to provide up to 6 hours/week (at \$40/hr) on-site A/V support for the regular broadcast of OZ Shabbos services, up to \$2500.</i></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> <i>The OZ BOARD approves a short-term contract for the remainder of this fiscal year (2022-23) to hire an 18-20/hour a week Administrative Support person for our clergy at an hourly rate not to exceed \$22.</i></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> <i>The OZ BOARD approves the expenditure of \$5000 to cover all expenses associated with</i></p>	<p>Jeff presented the motion. He shared that the funds would be raised through fundraising.</p> <p>Motion to approve made by Yoram, seconded by Bill. Unanimous approval.</p> <p>Brett presented the motion.</p> <p>Motion to approve made by Mindy, seconded by Rebecca. Unanimous approval.</p> <p>Yoram presented the motion. Increasing this year's budget by roughly \$6k.</p> <p>Motion to approve made by Bill, second by Mindy. Unanimous approval.</p> <p>Jeff presented this motion. All costs will be fundraised.</p>
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		Rabbi Sandy Sasso's visit (including travel, honorarium, and event expenses).	<b>Motion</b> to approve made by Yoram, seconded by Bill. Unanimous approval.
6:15		<b>Review of Reports</b>	Naomi shared that we are now booking a 3rd week of camp. Judy updated on Rabbinic search process. 13 candidates applied 2 are being invited to Burlington Planning for on-site visits is in progress.
6:20		<b>Executive Session</b>	Bill made a motion to go into ES. Phil seconded. 6:55 - Motion to leave ES approved.
6:55		<b>MOTION to</b> <i>create a task group consisting of 5 congregants, 2 board members and our two clergy, with the charge</i>	Yoram presented a motion to form a task group

*to begin thoughtful study and exploration of interfaith marriage officiating, though the following:*

*Review and compile a. general context and considerations for interfaith marriage in Judaism and congregations like OZ, b. our current marriage / officiating practices, c. how other conservative/traditional synagogues and rabbis have worked through interfaith marriage options in recent times, and d. related discussions taking place with USCJ*

*Develop a set of responsible options that OZ may consider (from staying where we are to making changes).*

*Present and provide a written report at the April board meeting, to include the above, and recommended next steps, including planning community discussion sessions and a timeline for future phases in this process.*

*Communicate to OZ's community about this process via a letter from the Board President, providing context and a way to share feedback.*

**Motion** to approve made by Bill, seconded by Mindy. Unanimous approval by the board.