

**Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7PM  
Via ZOOM**

**I. Call to Order- 7:02**

**II. Text Study- 7:02**

- Blessing
- Genesis 12

**III. Attendance-** A. Cohen, R. Damanti, J. Anderson, D. Bass, D. Sieger, J. Sieger, F. Miller, H. Buxbaum, C. Nail, J. Schneider, S. Lieberman, MC Lasko, J. Duckhorn, A. Gordon, L. Stickley and Rabbi Gruber. Absent: A. Lazorchak

**IV. Acceptance of Minutes-** correction of Shinderman's name

**V. Rabbi's Report- 7:10**

- Bar mitzvah last weekend at UU, had a few technical difficulties; Amy had to use her phone as a hotspot for the 2 hours, they had a tech company that was doing the streaming for them, but the UU wouldn't support enough bandwidth. Rabbi kept getting booted off. Wound up having to ask people to download the slides so they could follow along.
- Thought: May want to look into some tech investments that will not only serve us now, but when we return to in person services. Possible: Booster or our own mobile spot to allow a better connection. Enable the slides to be projected up on the wall so that all in
- the service can see it and heads will be up as opposed to downward.
- Rabbi is hoping to begin working with the folks to finish their conversion who were unable to complete it before Stratford left.

**VI. President's Report-7:18**

- Email to Carl about their bandwidth and tech supplies at the UU-might not have everything turned on. (Dan will ask)
- Service announcements: Nobody has signed up yet.
- Need to correct times in the sign-up genius and on calendar to start services at 6:30pm
- Looking for a volunteer to communicate with MC if they have any issues or questions.

**Shabbat Services**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054EA9AB2AA13-service>

11/13/20 - Erev Shabbat Services: 7:30pm

11/20/20 - Erev Shabbat Services: 7:30pm

11/21/20 - Bat Mitzvah of Violet Nelson 10:00am

**VII. Treasurer's Report - 7:34**

- Put a considerable amount of funds in.
- Doing well
- Ken is on top of it

**VIII. Vice President of Finances Report – 7:35**

- Issue with payments, we have 12 families that have not paid anything yet.

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- Ralene sent out a gentle reminder and got a reply from 1 who is paying in full this week, of the other 11 there's a family that hasn't paid school or membership dues.

**IX. Membership Updates-7:41**

- New family members: Stacey & Travis Steinmetz. (2 children) Stacey sounds very interested in being involved.

**X. School Update-7:44**

- Going well
- A few tech issues each week, but working through them.
- Some kids are doing awesome with the online Hebrew, others aren't .
- Madrachim have set up times to help students (info has been sent out at least twice)
- There has been constant support for religious school students and families.

**XI. Old Business-7:51**

- Services - update and needed tech (covered earlier)
- Jodi will discuss this with Ed (fingers crossed)

**XII. New Business- 7:52**

- Events for all congregants - congregant reached out to Dan and was concerned about the fact there aren't enough events available for those members who work.
- Joanna suggested a virtual craft night
- Jordan suggested a discussion of wines (looking into it)
- Faith suggested an adult discussion night
- Ralene suggested contacting our new member who is a lawyer to hold a discussion or come up with some topics to discuss
- Put out to the congregation via the VOICE- is there a skill that you would like to share with the rest of the congregation
- David suggested a monthly virtual happy hour (on Friday's that we don't have services) or on a Saturday night after a Havdalah service
- Rabbi suggested a guided meditation
- Social action has an event planned on 11/15 1-3pm at Baker Park where you can donate: toys, non perishable food for Heartly house or hygiene items. You can choose to just drop stuff off or hang out and socially visit with folks.

**XIII. Good and Welfare- 8:05**

**XIV. Adjournment- 8:11**