

**Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7PM
Via ZOOM**

I. Call to Order- 7:02

II. Text Study- 7:02 - Leviticus

III. Attendance-7:09 A. Cohen, R. Damanti, MC Lasko, F. Miller, D. Sieger, J. Sieger, L. Stickley, Rabbi Gruber, J. Anderson, D. Bass, H. Buxbaum, J. Duckhorn, A. Gordon, A. Lazorchak, S. Lieberman, C. Nail, J. Schneider

IV. Acceptance of Minutes- David Bass/Jordan Schneider

V. Rabbi's Report- 7:10

- Think about the narrative of having the story of CKAF written down. Think about what is important to each of us.
- **Yom Hashoah service on Wed. Evening 4.7.21 flyer to go out this week.** Do we want to broadcast it? Would need the links for the community in order to participate. Still doesn't know if Beth Sholom wants to participate in our service or not- He's gotten no responses. He's asked in person (via zoom) and by email.
- Asking for volunteers to do readings-let him know if you're interested.
- Ralene suggested that Rabbi give Beth Sholom a deadline to reply by-
- Anne suggested emailing not only Rabbi Hersh, but the president at Beth Sholom.
- Sedar scheduled for Sunday.
- Scout Shabbat was this past weekend. Also had 2 b'nai mitzvahs this past month.

VI. President's Report-7:20

- Dan's been going in early and setting up for the in-person services. He would love to have some help doing this so that he's not the one doing it every time. Looking for volunteers to help out with it. (Joe said he'd help out)
- CKAF has had some issues with sexual harassment in the past. Luckily we have not had either of those incidents go too far. Dan is suggesting that we find some money in order to provide training for all board members (maybe all employees as well) take the training.

Shabbat Services

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

- 4/9/21-Family Shabbat Service- 6:30pm
- 4/10/21-Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Schwab -10:00am
- 4/16/21-Erev Shabbat Service - 6:30pm - **Schneider**
- 4/17/21-Bar Mitzvahs of Joshua & Dylan Lavo -10:00am
- 5/7/21 - Family Shabbat Service -6:30pm

VII. Treasurer's Report -7:28

All good, able to fill out the short form

Budget committee has met and will be meeting again shortly

VIII. Vice President of Finances Report – 7:28

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- We have \$7000 outstanding that we may not collect; best case is if they pay. We might be able to collect \$1500 from one family, but there are 4 families that have been non-responsive. She's contacted several times, and has not gotten any reply.
- Lease: Ralene had a copy, it expires 9/30/21. Who is going to negotiate a lease and when? It bothers her that we are paying for space that we are not using. Discussion to maybe renegotiate not only the lease, but our costs.

IX. Membership Updates- 7:48

- No New members
- Sent out a letter to BOTs... each one has about 5 people to call to find out how they're doing, offer Passover greetings, mention the Sedar, find out what they would like to see next year as far as programs and what might you be interested in volunteering for? Ideally it would be great to get them done this week and take notes to report back to Anne.

X. School Update- 7:52

- Nothing new to report
- Still looking for a 7th grade teacher

XI. Old Business-7:52

- **Tech Updates:** Charlie put together a committee and weighed in on what would be needed to move forward with our technology needs. Explored what would be needed and put together something that was independent of the UU's facility, that way if we ever left, we would be able to take it with us. Items were prioritized so that the cost can be spread out. Over the next year. The quality of the broadcast from Eric's house-this is due to the equipment being used and his location. The vision is that there would be a wifi hotspot (pay for gigabytes of usage) Need: Laptop, webcam, mic, some sort of portable projector and screen) All we have right now is a portable speaker. Ed Duckhorn has offered their camera and card. For the "in house version" the difference is the mic usage and using the UU's wifi. Discussing with them about getting a wider bandwidth to accommodate the abundance of users. Cost estimate would be between \$3K to \$5K. Charlie suggested that we also add a line to the budget that would help keep us up to date with technology. A portion of the members dues would contribute to this. This proposal is for helping get Eric up to speed and improving what we are doing now.
- **Motion 1:** add a line item to the budget for refresh the technology so we have money for the future (all in favor)
- **Motion 2:** would like some budget (1K) now, to go out and be able to go to improve the items at Eric's house. (seconded by Joanna) unanimous vote!
- **Education committee:** Religious school families are looking for events- We need an events committee! The things they're looking for are not curriculum related. We do have an event committee, but it kind of ended before COVID. Basically it's not to create, but to regenerate this committee and get some events scheduled/organized.
- **The Voice:** not sure if we have an editor or not. We have a layout person. Spoke to Elizabeth a few weeks ago. It takes quite a while to do the work. Question is do we continue to publish it 6 times a year? Do we cut back to 4 times? Assuming we charge for the advertising... has anyone looked into paying someone to take this over? MC, please reach out to [Betsy Maymon](#) to find out what the cost might be. Somewhere along the line

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someone stopped collecting monies for advertising...so basically we've not collected any money in over a year. Baseline is we have roughly 1K to pay someone. If we stop doing paper and only do digital.

XII. New Business-

- Dates outside of regularly scheduled meetings: Suggested dates:
 - After Passover and after school is out (Sunday Morning)

XIII. Good and Welfare- 9:32

XIV. Adjournment- 9:36