The meeting began at 7:04 pm.


Open forum. Debbie Aharoni attended for open forum. Debbie is a new member. She spoke to encourage the Board and the congregation to try harder to welcome new members. She reminded the Board of how challenging it is to be the new member and how welcoming it is for long time members to step out of their habits and welcome someone who is new. Debbie volunteered herself to be a welcomer at TBI events. She suggested that there be people designated to mix and mingle with new members at TBI events. Membership committee may be a place to organize this kind of effort.

Announcements. Geraldine mentioned that June 20 is World Refugee Day, from 5-8pm. On June 23, there is a presentation by Tom Snyder and a photo exhibit. The event is intended to show support for world refugees in general.

Minutes approval. April minutes were approved. May minutes were approved.

Assault weapons ban. Rabbi Ruhi spoke to the Board remotely by cell phone speaker. There is a movement to place an assault weapons ban on Oregon’s November ballot. Owners of high capacity guns would have to register them, but the guns would not be confiscated if the owner has no criminal record. Future sales of such guns would be banned and forbidden from being brought into the state. A concerted effort will be needed to collect 88,000 signatures and promote the movement during the short signature collection period. Various Board members agreed that TBI is within the law to support a proposed ballot measure. The question before Board members is if we think TBI would like to support the movement for this measure. Board members asked questions about TBI involvement in past ballot measure issues. Rabbi Ruhi spoke to halachic discourse about the topic. There is a lot of halachic discourse specifically about the sale of weapons. Several Board members expressed strong support for supporting the motion. A motion was made to associate TBI with the motion of Oregon ballot measure 43. All Board members voted in favor of the motion except for one who abstained from voting.
**Dues Task Force.** Amy distributed a Task Force timeline. Amy reported that work with the Board at the July 5 Board meeting will be critical to meeting the November deadline. Judy Boles decided to leave the Task Force. Board members will be asked to contact Circles of Giving participants to talk about their financial commitment to TBI.

**Preschool update and Carole’s retirement.** Debbie Laimon will attend the July Board meeting to discuss her ideas for the Preschool. Nina reported that Debbie has been coming to Preschool each day to work with Carol Diller and to meet the families. Enrollment is not full, but it is fuller than it has been in recent years. The Preschool budget is being revised in the light of greater enrollment. Nina discussed wanting Board approval to get Carol a retirement gift and a lifetime membership to TBI. The Board voted unanimously to give Carol a lifetime membership. Board members discussed what might be an appropriate gift for Carol. A motion was made to authorize a financial gift for Carol between $1500-3000 and this motion also passed unanimously.

**Kavanat hakehila - next steps.** Code of conduct guidelines. Mindy asked for some Board members to volunteer to take leadership on this work. Pearl explained that Esther Jacobsen-Tepfer made some edits after the May congregational meeting. Reisa questioned the timing and wisdom of the lashon hara portion of the guidelines. Are we in a moment when speaking out publicly should be encouraged more than discouraged? Perhaps, describing when people do and do not need to speak out needs to be enlarged and defined better. The Board revisited the motive and need for the Kavanat hakehila altogether and discussed what it should or should not be. Pearl reminded the group of the original needs and motives for the guidelines. Nathan expressed the view that the document was close to ready with a few more changes, including Reisa’s.

**Theme for next year.** TBI will link next year’s theme to the Scientists in the Synagogue work. Mindy will repeat the process of asking the Board and committee chairs to select a theme. Rabbi Ruhi suggested compassion, responsibility and obligation as three possible themes and these possibilities speak to both the dues process and the Scientists in the Synagogue work. Mindy will email these themes to the Board to vote on.

**Financials.** Amy said the financial situation is known through April and appears to remain strong.

**Executive director’s report.** Nina’s report was submitted electronically and there were no questions about it.

**Next area to focus on - capacity building for Board and committees.** Mindy proposed that we focus on how the Board can support some of our synagogue’s committees that have key people stepping away. We could focus on key committees to boost. She suggested that Board members meet with selected committees and Jody Seasonwein volunteered to do this.

The meeting entered an executive session.

The meeting ended at 9:03.

Recorded and submitted by Bruce Kreitzberg.