

November 2, 2021

Sisterhood Meeting notes taken by Jewel B. Davis, Vice President, covering for Kerry Hansen who says she is on hiatus.

We had no moderators who say they are on hiatus, and we carried on perfectly fine.

Six members were attending the meeting:

Carolina Barba, Ellen Farber, Jennie Dinnerman, Helen Hanan, Carol Lincoln, and Jewel Davis.

- President Ellen Farber called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM on Sunday, October 24, 2021.
- Ellen provided the treasurer's report from Heather since Ashley has resigned. As of now, our most recent Sisterhood total is \$9,482.00.
Jewel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as reported. Helen seconded the motion. The vote to accept the report was passed by all 6 members.
- People discussed Ashley's suggestion from the Sustainability committee that wants Sisterhood to pay for plastic bottles with the Temple's name written on it for approximately \$1200. People were not in favor of paying for the bottles. Carolina Barbera made a motion that Sisterhood does not pay for the bottles. We voted and decided that Sisterhood did not want to pay for the bottles, 6-0. People felt that Sustainability Committee should raise their own money to pay for the bottles if they wanted to purchase them.
- Helen Hanan had spoken to the new Shaliach, Ra'anan from Israel. She has invited him to do a program here for Temple Israel sponsored by the Sisterhood. We had 3 choices of programs: 1. Israeli Military and new War Technology, 2. Israeli Youth Groups, and 3. Ra'anan's personal history. Helen made a motion to vote on the choice of topics and we chose Israeli Youth Groups. He will present this on Zoom on December 9, 2021, at 6 PM. The Zoom will be the same one that is used for services.
- Jewel announced the upcoming Rosh Chodesh Kislev on November 4 from 6-8PM in the Temple Israel Social Hall and on Zoom, led by Jewel and Ellen. The theme will be how the Rabbis of long ago decided on the miracle of Hanukkah and the D'var Torah for the Shabbat of November 5-6 given by Ellen. People should bring small bowls for candles. We will provide the candles. We will also provide wine and small glasses for kiddush. We are not allowed to bring food to share or eat because of Covid restrictions. The Rosh Chodesh after this one will be on Thursday January 27, 2022, led by Ellen Farber and Carolina B.
- We asked if the Sisterhood has any responsibilities for Hanukkah at the Temple and it seems we don't.
- The membership at the meeting was asked how they felt about Kerry Hansen's indefinite hiatus, as well as the two moderators' indefinite hiatus. Until we can find the by-laws, we don't know if there is any such thing allowed as a hiatus for elected positions in the Sisterhood. Helen Hanan said she would check in with Heather and see if she can locate the Sisterhood by-laws. The moderators were not elected; they were appointed, so it doesn't matter if they come or not. (It matters but not in the same.

way.) A discussion also took place about how members felt about the Rabba directing and telling the Sisterhood what they can and cannot do. The members decided that we are an autonomous group, and we don't want anyone telling the Sisterhood what to do, even though we are aware the Rabba means well. There has never been a Rabbi in the past who has made decisions for the Sisterhood or any other Temple committee. We prefer that the Rabba does not continue to tell the Sisterhood what decisions to make even if individuals go to her for help. We are adults, not children, and can make our own decisions. This was decided by all 6 members who attended the meeting. Jewel emailed Kerry, Cathi, and Deborah during this meeting to try to have them come and vote but they refused to do so.

- A motion was made to vote on whether Kerry should be allowed to maintain her job as Secretary even though she isn't doing her job or attending meetings. The vote was taken and the result was 6-0 to find other persons to nominate for the position of Secretary and to have Kerry step down. We will be putting this information in the next newsletter and asking for nominations for both Treasurer and Secretary. We will get a members list from Heather in the office. We will have the names of the nominations at the next meeting on November 21 to vote on.
- Tikkun Olam is not meeting on the same date as Sisterhood. December 14
- There will be a column in the Doorpost on both Rosh Chodesh, the Shaliach's presentation, and our next meeting.
- Helen was dissatisfied with our involvement in the Ice Cream Social. She felt we should have gone to physically buy the ice cream even though Amy Born said she was going to pick up the ice cream and there were many Sisterhood members serving the ice cream and doing the clean-up including Jewel, Cathi, and Jane Savoy. We will discuss this again next year.
- The meeting was officially ended at 8:45 PM with a motion and a vote.