Kehillah Committee Reports, 9-08

Adult Education—Melissa Segal

- Docket for the year is planned, and the brochure has been sent to the congregation
- Article of events published in Menorah
- Book Club had its first meeting. 11 people and very successful

Cemetery—Jonathan Kotch


1. **New members.** We need some, and we need some younger members particularly. Could the Cemetery Committee be a standing committee of the Board, with 2-3 Board members on it?
2. **Publicity.** The article has appeared in the Kehillah Bulletin, and the article in the Menorah should be out momentarily. We need to print up copies of the brochure to have available for High Holy Days. Check to see that the cremation policy is mentioned. (It is.) Melissa will contact someone in Raleigh to see if it is feasible to publish an article in their Federation newsletter. (It isn’t.) JK will blow up a photo of the entryway to post on a bulletin board in the lobby.
3. **Flowers.** Leaving flowers in the cemetery is not a Jewish custom. We need a policy that gently reminds families that leaving a stone is more appropriate, and that cases should not be incorporated into headstones. Mona would need a copy of the policy to distribute to purchasers of plots.
4. **Pergola.** There is no money left for any more enhancement in the cemetery, and no money has been appropriated in the 2008-09 budget. Melissa will ask Greg Rapp who volunteered to build a pergola what his intentions are.
5. **Finances.** There is a cemetery fund that accepts contributions, but no line item in the Kehillah budget for cemetery maintenance. The cemetery is a part of the Capital Campaign. Harry has requested that any funds left over from Weldon after expenditures for the Chapel are finished be used for the cemetery. If we want a budget for maintenance, we need to approach the Board in January-February when it is drafting the 2009-10 budget.
6. **Priorities** for next steps. Plantings at the entry, and cross-paths. Plantings need to wait for rain, and for there to be a permanent maintenance fund.

Facilities—Terrie Gale

7/8/08—walk through of building (Terrie Gale and Melissa Segal) to determine areas of work needed and current situation.

Latest issues:
- Water leaks in building
- Broken water heater
- New carpet in Admin Wing and Chapel Hill Kehillah
- Replaced floors in downstairs bathrooms and kitchen for preschool licensing
Finance—Susan Zenn
8/12/08. Howard Glicksman, Terrie Gale, Susan Zenn, Melissa Segal
   amount moved from P&L to the balance sheet to be used as needed.
2. Discussed balance sheet and need to clarify and consolidate some line items that are not being
   used.

Membership—Josh Ravitch
Meeting scheduled just prior to Board meeting.

Nominations--All quiet

Preschool—Tamara Rice
Meeting 9-12-08
1. Enrollment update—enrollment is good; a couple of open spaces in 1’s, 4’s class
2. Membership tuition discount—based on # of days of attendance and amount of membership
3. Licensing update for school-day classroom—almost completed; extended day should start
   Monday
4. Kiss N Go / Security—system works well; extra volunteers needed
5. Social events- class moms to get classes together and maintain communication
6. Rosters—of classes, to be given to each class
7. Evaluations—of teachers; how/when to complete
8. Art By Me fundraiser—to help raise funds for preschool upgrades
9. Chanukah party planning—getting volunteers, planning event

Rabbi Sabbatical—Sue Blaustein

- Committee is currently working on sabbatical handbook
- Committee will convene shortly to start working on assigned responsibilities for carrying out
  and monitoring all aspects of sabbatical coverage
- Sarah starts in December

Religious School—Dan Levinson & Cheryl Goldberg
Monday, August 18, 2008, 7:30 - 9:00 PM

In attendance: Shawn Williams, Miriam Ornstein, Beth Shuster, Cheryl Goldberg, Dan Levinson, Cara
Siegel, Susan Davis, Jennifer Lockhart, Howard Glicksman (Congregation President), Marla Dansky
1. School Enrollment - School enrollment is down due to a few families moving and several
   others choosing other congregations. A new committee has been created to look into this.
2. Shabbat B’Yachad - Will occur twice in its second year, and has a new committee to create
   and implement the new Shabbat B’Yachad plan.
3. New Committee Chairs - Shawn Williams will be stepping down as committee chair because
   he’s now the Vice President of Education. Dan Levinson and Cheryl Goldberg will the new
   co-chairs.
4. Request for Variance - The committee approved a one-time variance to the school attendance
   policy.
Ritual—Diane Wright & Henry Fuchs


1. Create process for what we do or don’t do on Shabbat that does not burden congregation. Rabbi suggests a study committee upon her return from sabbatical that represents the diversity of the community. 4 - 6 study sessions, look at decision points, gather more info if necessary, jointly plan for a community retreat/Shabbaton, study group will develop the policy, present to Ritual Committee, then to Board

2. Pesach Kashrut policy. Reviewed proposed Policy on Kashrut for Passover. Peg will note revisions and will allow comment for a period of a week, and then it will go to the Exec. Commit.

3. Shabbat B’yachad. Requests are being made to make an exception about musical instruments in order to engage young families. If confined to the two Shabbat B’yachad services, it could give more information when the Shabbat Policy is addressed. Rabbi Jen will make available to the ritual committee some teaching about the halacha and tradition.

4. Process for communicating absences or emergency closings. Will request SOP for emergency closings from Melissa. Discussed ways to contact service captain - need to ascertain who is comfortable receiving phone calls on Shabbat. Otherwise, the captain or another service leader will fill the space.


Blessing, D’var

1. High Holy Days plans reviewed
2. Role of the Ritual Committee during Sabbatical discussed. Hold until Sept. and invite Sue Blaustein.
3. Someone taking an inventory and be responsible for the upkeep of the ritual items. Ask Randy to include everything in inventory and hold the rest of the item until November agenda, after HH.
4. Sanctuary Reading Table improvement. Randy has volunteered, suggested he look at the reading table at Beth El and see if his carpenter can do something similar.
5. Pesach kashrut policy. Peg shared drafts and group discussed some changes. She will bring it to September meeting. Confirmed future meeting dates for all months except October: 9/3, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 7/1

Social Action—Jacki Renick & Irene Zipper

- The IAF work is continuing
- Nicci did a great job with the Crop Walk
- Ava has connected with a congregant who will organize the Kehillah’s participation in Project Home Connect, a Chapel Hill activity to focus on the homeless, with active involvement of the IFC