

Beth Tzedec Congregation Society

Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday June 19, 2019
Time: 7:30 pm (MDT)
Location: Beth Tzedec Skylight Lounge

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

David Inhaber introduced himself as the Chairperson for the Annual General Meeting and called the meeting to order. He then appointed Jeffrey Dworkin as Secretary of the meeting.

2. Confirm proper notice of meeting – Chairperson

Proper notice of the meeting was confirmed and the notice was read by the Secretary.

3. Establish Quorum – Secretary

Quorum was established by the Secretary, noting that there were at least 30 members in good standing present at the meeting.

4. Welcome by the Chairperson

The Chairperson then declared the meeting regularly called and properly constituted for the transaction of business and welcomed everyone.

5. D'var Torah – Rabbi Osadchey

The D'var Torah was given by Rabbi Osadchey. The Chairperson thanked Rabbi Osadchey.

6. Adoption of the AGM Agenda – Chairperson

Motion 20190619-001	Moved by: Josh Inhaber Seconded by: Stuart Myron
Accept the agenda as presented.	
Passed.	

7. Minutes of last meeting – Chairperson

Motion 20190619-002	Moved by: Lorie Abernethy Seconded by: Sheila Gurevitch
Accept the Beth Tzedec 2018 AGM minutes as presented.	
Passed.	

8. Treasurer’s Report – Vice President Finance Josh Inhaber

Josh Inhaber presented the Calgary Beth Tzedec Congregation Society Treasurer’s Report which is attached to these minutes.

9. Auditor’s Report – Cory Lockhart

Cory Lockhart of Lockhart LLP presented the Audited Calgary Beth Tzedec Congregation Society Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2019. The Audited Financial Statements are attached to these minutes.

10. Appointment of Auditor – Chairperson

Motion 20190619-003	Moved by: Josh Inhaber Seconded by: Heather Lister
Be it resolved that Lockhart LLP be appointed the Society’s auditor for the fiscal year 2019 - 2020.	
Passed.	

11. Budget: 2019-2020 – Vice President Finance Josh Inhaber

Josh Inhaber presented the budget, which is attached to these minutes, and then opened the floor to any questions or comments.

The Chairperson thanked Josh Inhaber for his dedicated efforts as Vice-President Finance and extended deep gratitude to Finance Committee members Josh Switzer, Stuart Myron and Executive Director Max Lipsman for their contribution to Beth Tzedec’s financial well-being.

12. Rabbi, Cantor, and Executive Director Reports – Chairperson

Rabbi Osadchey, Cantor Jayne, and Executive Director Max Lipsman provided written reports which were circulated to members before the start of the meeting. The reports are attached to these minutes.

13. Other Reports – Chairperson

David Inhaber invited the Vice President Membership, Elliott Steinberg, to deliver the Membership Report. The report was delivered orally and included an announcement of a decline in membership of about 3% year over year. The decline in membership was primarily due to members passing away or moving out of the Calgary area. A couple of members followed their children to Temple B’nai Tikvah. Membership dues collected did reach 2018 levels but did not reach the 2018-2019 budget. The Committee is looking at ways to continue its inreach to our congregants.

The Chairperson thanked Elliott Steinberg.

In addition, David Inhaber noted that a written Report was provided by National Minyan League Commissioner Susan Inhaber. The report is attached to these minutes.

14. LIFE & LEGACY Presentation - Chairperson

David Inhaber provided a review of the LIFE & LEGACY endowment program in Calgary, explaining that it is about ensuring that future generations can continue to benefit from an economically secure community.

He recognized a number of early adopters including Maxine and Milt Fischbein, Josh Inhaber, Susan and David Inhaber, Diana Kalef and Elliott Steinberg, Barb and Ron Krell, Lily and Bill Lister, Elaine and Stuart Myron, Beth and Rob Ordman, Alex Osten, Cheryl and Bob Shiell, Joey Tappenden, Kim Rothenberg and Len Seidman, and Deborah and Adam Silver.

He then called upon Diana Kalef, representing the Calgary Jewish Federation, and Stuart Myron, representing the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary, to give their presentations. The Chairperson thanked Diana Kalef and Stuart Myron.

15. Election of the Board – Chairperson

The Chairperson invited Maxine Fischbein, Chair of the Nominations Committee, to conduct the nomination and election agenda items.

The Nominations Chairperson stated that the Bylaws provide that an election of all Board and Executive members be held every two years. At the close of nominations on May 13, 2018, the following members were nominated:

Ian Cohen: Director
Gregory Davis: Director
Dr. Eddy Lang: Director
Heather Khan Lister: Director
Dr. Gerald Pfeffer: Director
Saul Prince: Director
Deborah Silver: Director
Deborah Shnay: Director
Joey Tappenden: Director
David Inhaber: President
Lorne Pearl: Vice-President
Elliott Steinberg: Vice-President
Josh Inhaber: Vice-President
Joshua Switzer: Vice-President and Treasurer
Jeffrey Dworkin: Secretary

As the number of nominees for both the Board and Executive did not exceed available positions, nominees were acclaimed for their positions as described above.

In addition, the Nominations Chairperson informed the meeting that Cheryl Shiell will continue to serve on the Board as an appointee of the President, that Lou Braceley will serve on the Board on behalf of the Presidents Council and that she will continue to serve the Board and Executive for a second and final term as Immediate Past President.

The Nominations Chairperson then thanked retiring Board Members Stuart Myron, Dr. Howard Cohen, Markham Silver Q.C. and Len Seidman for their dedication, accomplishments and years of service.

16. **President's Report – David Inhaber**

Past President Maxine Fischbein retained the chair, inviting President David Inhaber to deliver his President's Report. Some highlights follow.

- The President spoke about the varied programs delivered at Beth Tzedec, including music, bible study, interfaith programs and Shabbat and Holiday services and annual programs like Film Festival and Purim and Hanukkah parties.
- Our Synagogue is frequently rented out to other organizations, making Beth Tzedec an important community hub while significantly increasing activity in our building.
- A great deal of Executive, Board and Committee work is accomplished at Beth Tzedec by many unsung heroes.
- As with many non-profit organizations, we are not without our challenges. The Executive and Board are actively engaged in a number of initiatives pertaining to finance and operations, programming, education and youth.
- We are reviewing our expenditure line items and asking some tough questions. The answers are close at hand.
- A top priority is ensuring that Beth Tzedec remains vibrant and relevant to the congregation's children and grandchildren. Parents and grandparents play a very important role in ensuring the centrality of the Synagogue in the lives of their children and grandchildren.
- The President thanked the congregation for the trust they have shown in him.
- The work of the Board of Directors continues as we build resources today and plan for the needs of future generations.

Upon completion of the President's Report, Maxine Fischbein turned the chairmanship of the meeting back to David Inhaber.

17. **Good and Welfare – Chairperson**

The Chairperson invited congregants to share comments and questions, but first announced that Markham Silver Q.C. is to receive a Shem Tov Award for his volunteer work as a Board member, legal counsel and all around leader at the Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Betty Sherwood asked Rabbi Osadchey as to the duration of the interfaith program. Rabbi Osadchey replied that the Lil Faider Interfaith program was completed.

Sheila Gurevitch thanked David Inhaber for his work and that he had "grown" into the office of President. She then requested that the Yizkor Book contain the appropriate prayers. David Inhaber stated that the prayers would be included in the Yizkor Book. Cantor Jayne added that there was a process to be followed due to copyright issues.

Sheila Gurevitch asked if security measures were operative on a daily basis. David Inhaber stated that security measures were operative on a 24 hour basis. Rabbi Osadchey added that we have partnerships with other community organizations as to security issues.

Harvey Silverstone thanked the Board for their efforts. He suggested that an electronic memorial board be looked into. David Inhaber advised that this matter was being investigated.

Lorie Abernethy thanked the Board for the appropriate notes in the financial statements as to the Sisterhood gift. She also requested information as to other sources of revenue to support the Beth Tzedec. David Inhaber advised that other revenue streams were being examined.

Maxine Fischbein thanked all the volunteers who worked at the Casino fundraiser advising that additional "backup" volunteers will be required for the next Casino event.

Deborah Silver announced that a Bottle Drive fundraiser was being planned.

18. Adjournment – Chairperson

Motion 20190619-004	Moved by: Lorne Pearl Seconded by: Stuart Myron
That the meeting now terminate.	
Passed.	