CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DECEMBER 10, 2013

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Executive Board

Mary Knoll, President
Larry Nemer, Vice President-Treasurer
Robert Goodman, Vice President-Secretary
Rick Cohen
Jeri Fishman
Janice Stoneman

Elected Trustees

Karen Couf-Cohen
Lawrence Elkus
Milton Feldberg
Adam Finkel
Richard Jacobs
Jeffrey Linden
Matthew Miller
Lawrence Oleinick
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Susan Terebelo
Lori Weisberg

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Richard Brown (Past President)
Steven Weisberg (Past President)

Representatives of Affiliates

Robin Lash (Sisterhood President)
Murray Levin (Seniors President)
Michael Tobin (Men's Club Treasurer)

Clergy

Rabbi Joseph Krakoff
Rabbi Aaron Starr

Staff

Shira Shapiro, Executive Director

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS**

President Mary Knoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **MINUTES APPROVED**

The minutes of the Board meeting held on November 12, 2013 were duly approved.

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Mary Knoll remarked on the beautiful November 23, 2013 Shabbat morning service and congregational Kiddush/lunch in honor of Mr. Mandell (Bill) Berman for his recent gift to the Synagogue. She expressed appreciation to Vice President Larry Nemer for his work with the architects in preparing the renderings for the new Mandell Berman Center for Jewish Education.

President Knoll also expressed sadness on the passing of Past President Harold Berry. May his memory forever be a blessing.

4. **BUSINESS ACTION ITEM**

The following motion was presented by Vice President Larry Nemer to the Board for approval:

Motion to Approve the Resolution to Sell the Chatsford Circuit Property

The Board of Trustees of Congregation Shaarey Zedek approves the following resolution:

> **RESOLVED**, that **(A)** Congregation Shaarey Zedek (the "Congregation"), acting through its President and/or Vice President-Treasurer (each an "Officer"), is hereby authorized and directed to sell and convey the land, building, improvements and personal property located at **22214 Chatsford Circuit, Southfield, Michigan 48034** (the "Residence") to **Reuven Zev Gevaryahu** and **Dena Pichette Gevaryahu** for a purchase price of **$175,000**, subject to customary pro-rations and adjustments and such other terms as the Officers approve in their sole discretion, and **(B)** the President and the Vice President-Treasurer each is authorized (without the requirement of any other signature) to execute and deliver any and all documents, instruments or agreements that are necessary in order to effectuate said sale, and to take such other actions as the Officers, in their sole discretion, may deem appropriate in order to consummate said sale, and all such documents heretofore or hereafter executed by one or both of the Officers and all such actions heretofore or hereafter taken by one or both of the Officers in connection with said sale are hereby ratified and confirmed and shall be fully binding and enforceable upon the Congregation.

The motion was duly approved.

5. **SPECIAL AGENDA TOPIC – SOCIAL ACTION**

Trustee Adam Finkel informed the Board that a Committee is being formed to help raise the level of social action program participation by CSZ members and to more formally engage in social action community-wide events.

CSZ is currently involved with the Adopt-a-Family program of Jewish Family Service, and the Detroit Coalition for Literacy program with the Jewish Community Relations Council.

A meeting with Assistant Director of Education & Youth Allison Gutman, has resulted in a plan to participate in the "CSZ in Action" program planned for Sunday, January 19, 2014 with Religious School and Hillel families. That event will enable participants, from small children to adults, to select from a variety of activities, to learn about the agencies, and to experience the power of their personal contributions. Activities will include volunteering at Yad Ezra and various other social service agencies in the community.

The Committee is also exploring opportunities with the Downtown Synagogue as well as restoration efforts for the B'nai David Cemetery.

Rabbi Joseph Krakoff commented that CSZ's newly-formed Social Action Committee will provide an opportunity to connect with families and to partner with other organizations. CSZ partners with Forgotten Harvest during Christmas time as part of the community-wide Mitzvah Day initiative, and CSZ is now the lead organization in partnership with Jewish Family Service for the Fall Fix-up initiative.

6. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

The CSZ Membership Inventory as of December 6, 2013 was distributed. Executive Board member Dr. Rick Cohen shared some of the highlights of this document.

7. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Vice President Larry Nemer distributed and discussed the report of Revenues and Expenses for the fiscal year through November 30, 2013.

8. **PROGRAMMING REPORT**

Executive Board member Jeri Fishman provided the Board with a brief summary of upcoming programs, including the Carlebach Shabbat service this Friday evening, the Thank God It's Shabbat (T.G.I.S.) service on January 10, 2014, the Snowbird Concert in Boca Raton on January 14, 2014 featuring Rabbi Joseph Krakoff and Hazzan David Propis, the Young Jewish Artist Showcase on January 25th and January 26th, 2014, and the Tel Aviv Cantorial Choir concert on February 9, 2014.

Rabbi Aaron Starr shared that the CSZ Advisory Council on Education and Youth is working on visioning and programming to deepen the educational strategies as well as open the door to potential new members. In addition, he relayed that explorations are underway for CSZ missions to Israel.

9. **GOOD & WELFARE**

The Board extended a collective *speedy recovery* to Executive Director Emeritus Leonard Baruch.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Knoll commented that the next Board of Trustees meeting will be rescheduled due to its conflict with the Snowbird Concert in Boca Raton.

President Knoll adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Minutes were prepared by Shira Shapiro, Executive Director