

Board Meeting Minutes 12/7/2020

Meeting started at 8pm

Present: Rabbi Lev, Ira Botvinik, Brenda Margo, Peggy Tabony, Charles Tabony, Anita Berman, Joel Rosch, Eva Gelfen, Cathy Herman

Norman Herman sitting in.

D'var Torah, Rabbi Lev

Motion Made by Joel to approve last months minutes, Eva 2nd , passed unanimously.

Joel brought up options for safekeeping Torahs

- 1) Stand alone safe: ugly and more work to constantly take out and put up. Fire proof. Least expensive
- 2) Gate in front of Aron Kodesh: Construction costs high, stops theft, not fire proof.
- 3) Chip on Torah: least expensive. Not fireproof.
- 4) Put safe in Aron Kodesh: Very expensive, fire proof, stops theft

Discussion to find a way to use cyber lock on Shabbos, without alarm going off.

Covid questions and policies:

1) Who are we trying to protect: community employees (2 rabbis secretary), worshippers, users of the campus ?. What are we trying to achieve?

Board answer: Protection for everyone

2) What enforcement strategies do we have?

Board answer: There was a suggestion that each minyan participant monitor services for one week at a time, on a rotating basis.

The suggested duties would be:

- A) Making sure only people signed up for each service are allowed in building.
- B) Daveners are wearing masks properly.
- C) Sanitizing of chairs or making sure each person sits in same chair.

3) Should synagogue policies apply to Hillel School?

Board answer: To coordinate Covid rules with the school board.

4) How should quarantines end --- passage of time, testing or combination? If we test what test should be required? Should shul pay --In full or in part - for testing?

Board answer:

- A) If you have Covid, quarantine for 10 days and then get tested.

- B) If you were exposed and have no symptoms after 10 days, no test needed.
- C) A list where there are free Covid tests is needed. (Attached)
- D) If money is an issue the shul would help with payment.

5) What should we do with out of town guests?

Board answer:

A) The board agreed that anyone from out of town without quarantining is not permitted to attend services.

B) A certain visitor wants to use the hospitality suite for 2 weeks. The board unanimously voted no except Rabbi Lev, for the reasons below:

Lack of ability to supervise quarantine process.

Brenda does not think it wise for the hospitality suite to be open during this severe stage of Covid. The board agreed.

It is decided by the Board; the hospitality suite is closed due to Covid. It will remain closed until the Board decides otherwise. There are no exceptions.

6) Should we establish a policy about vacations /hosting?

Board answer:

A) Each person is responsible for revealing how much exposure to covid (regarding restaurants, mingling with strangers, etc) after vacationing or hosting out of town guests.

7) What should be our policy if one of our 3 workers has to quarantine due to Covid

Board answer:

A) Need to be transparent with each other.

Ira suggested we should encourage members of the shul to use the SlowCOVIDNC app? Most members on the board agreed that it would be useful, but voluntary.

Ira made motion to spend up to \$2,500. to replace the door behind the women's section to bring it to code. Joel 2nd the motion with unanimous board vote.

The next board meeting is on Sunday Jan. 4th at 8PM

Meeting adjourned at 10:30PM

For free testing and testing places in Wake County go to:

[Testing – Wake County COVID-19 Information \(wakegov.com\)](https://wakegov.com)

Coronavirus test criteria and availability are changing daily. Check your state guidelines and call the coronavirus testing site before you go to learn about testing criteria, availability and hours.



If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, please contact your healthcare provider or telehealth program to discuss whether you should be evaluated for testing.



Each coronavirus test provider will determine if testing is appropriate based on your symptoms, risk factors, and test availability.



UPDATE: Due to an increase in demand, there may be longer than usual wait times for testing and results in certain areas.