

Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation Annual General Meeting

**Sunday, October 29, 2017
Main Sanctuary**

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consent of the members in attendance.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Since this was the first ever Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation (KBI), there were no previous minutes to approve.

3.0 D'VAR TORAH

The D'var Torah was delivered by Rabbi Kenter. The theme of his d'var was on being present and demonstrating your presence by participating fully.

4.0 OUTGOING CO-PRESIDENTS' REPORT

The outgoing co-presidents, Lorne Goldstein and Stuart McCarthy, presented their final report to the congregation. The report summarized the past year since amalgamation had taken place and the many advances the congregation had made in that short period of time. The report was well received by the membership.

5.0 PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were presented by the treasurer, Sam Levine. The financial statements were prepared by GGFL Chartered Professional Accountants (GGFL).

KBI was given a clean audit.

The financial statements had previously been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on October 25, 2017.

There were several questions and comments from the membership. These included topics such as: "How is the Ottawa Kosher Food Bank funded?", "What is the current deficit?", "What is the current value of the property and the investment portfolio?" and "What are some of the ways to decrease the current deficit?" All questions and comments were addressed by the Treasurer and the outgoing Co-Presidents.

A motion, tabled by Treasurer Sam Levine and seconded by Jay Amdur, was made as follows:

Be it resolved that the audited financial statements of Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation, together with the report from GGFL for the year ending June 30, 2017 be accepted and approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR

A motion, tabled by Treasurer Sam Levine and seconded by Ian Sherman, was made as follows:

Be it resolved, that GGFL Chartered Professional Accountants, be appointed auditors of the corporation until the next Annual General Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

7.0 REVISION OF GENERAL OPERATING BY-LAW No.1

A copy of General Operating By-law No.1 ("the By-law") was circulated to the entire congregation in January 2017. Comments were received and reviewed by the Board of Directors on several occasions. Ultimately, close to 30 individual amendments were made to the By-law.

The Board of Directors approved the amendments at the May 2017 Board meeting. A copy of the amendments was provided to the members by email, posted on the web site and are available here today.

A motion was tabled by the Secretary, Jane Ehrenworth Shore, and seconded by Jay Amdur, was made as follows:

Be it resolved, that the Amendments to Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation's General Operating By-law #1, as passed by the Board of Directors at a meeting on May 25, 2017 and duly put before the members, be adopted and in force as of that date.

The motion passed with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.

After the vote, there was further discussion that questioned the removal of the position of Parnass as an Officer of the Corporation. The concern was that there was no longer any dedicated lay leadership on the Board of Directors.

A motion, tabled by Stephen Bindman and seconded by David Roytenberg, was made as follows:

Be it resolved that (i) a thorough review of the need to include the position of Parnass on the Board of Directors be undertaken, (ii) confirmation of whether specific reference to lay religious leadership should be included in General Operating By-Law #1, and (iii) that both of these points be reported back at the next AGM.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.0 ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Since all of the current Officers and several of the current Directors had completed their elected terms on the Board of Directors, the election of new Officers and Directors was required. A Nominating Committee had been struck and had reached a consensus on the nominees.

A motion, tabled by Ralph Anzarouth, chairperson of the Nominating Committee, and seconded by Howie Levine, was made as follows:

Be it resolved that the following members be appointed to the Board of Directors, in the following positions and for the following tenures:

Helen Zipes (President, 2017-2019)
Jane Ehrenworth Shore (First Vice President, 2017-2019)
Jay Amdur (Second Vice President, 2017-2019)
Sam Levine (Treasurer, 2017-2019)
Jonathan Meijer (Secretary, 2017-2019)
Betsy Rigal (Member-at-large, 2017-2018)
Judah Silverman (Member-at-large, 2017-2018)
Harvey Slack (Member-at-large, 2017-2018)
Victor Rabinovitch (Member-at-large, 2017-2019)
Jenny Roberge (Member-at-large, 2017-2019)
Kivi Shapiro (Member-at-large, 2017-2019)
Jodi Gitter (Member-at-large, 2017-2020)
Joel Sachs (Member-at-large, 2017-2020)
Harland Tanner (Member-at-large, 2017-2020)

The motion passed unanimously.

9.0 SCRUTINEERS REPORT

The Scrutineers Report indicated that 17% of the overall KBI membership was represented in person or by proxy at this evening's AGM.

10.0 INCOMING PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The newly elected President, Helen Zipes, addressed the membership.

11.0 QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

A question and discussion period took place and lasted about 40 minutes. There were no motions from this session.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Roytenberg and seconded by Bernard Shinder.

The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.