

## **MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING**

November 9, 2023, at Temple Beth Torah (TBT)

Board Members Present: Margie Butler, Raeann Koerner, Parker Mann, Sue Houk  
and Suzanne Brenner

Absent: Mark Eckhout, Craig Kavin, and Kay Mendel

Meeting was called to order at 10:49 a.m. by Margie Butler

### **Old/Continuing Business**

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion was made by Parker Mann to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2023, meeting, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Houk, M/S/A.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Kay had previously emailed three reports:

#### **Sheet 1: Monthly Income and Expense**

Loss of \$2,614 due to purchase of 4 side chairs for \$1,172, and our matching donation of \$1000 to TBT.

#### **Sheet 2: TBT Detail**

Loss of \$287

#### **Sheet 3 : Town House Detail**

Gain of \$120

The total donated to TBT was \$3,387. The Unit's \$25,000 CD matured. \$614 was earned in interest. The CD was renewed for 7 months, 4.25%, mature date o 5/22/24.

Suzanne Brenner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for October 2023, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parker Mann, M/S/A.

### **Club Operations and Management- Parker**

Prior to the meeting Parker had sent the following reports:

1. Calendar Schedule
2. Attendance Chart for regular sanctioned games through October.
3. STaC Game Instructions – starting time for a game determines if it is a morning or afternoon game.

It is time to renew our sanctioned games. We will delete the Sunday game at this time.

The Saturday game is currently an afternoon game but may need to be changed to a morning game. Parker and Margie will investigate what the advantage is for being a part of the Common Game after a player asked about our participation in the Common Game when it is a STaC game.

Parker informed the board that when email blasts are sent out, many are not opened. We have 324 members, but only 256 are opened.

A member suggested that we consider using TBT's PA system so people might be able to hear announcements better.

### **Recruiting for 2024 Board**

Mark will work to find people to work on the Nominating Committee with him.

### **Small Side Tables**

Margie and Kay researched tables and purchased a sample to evaluate. Raeann also researched options and brought information about a table to share at the meeting. Sue Houk made a motion to purchase 6 tables, \$24.95 each, Raeann Koerner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, M/S/A.

### **New Business**

#### **Increasing Attendance for the 199'er Game & Education – Raeann**

Raeann suggested that we consider giving a free play coupon to those who currently play in the Wednesday game, to play in a Thursday 199'er game. Margie will provide the coupons.

Raeann will begin a new beginner class at the end of January 2024. Craig Kavin will be teaching a class next week on slam bidding. She is also hoping to have Craig teach another class soon.

#### **Purchase of Bridge Mates**

The Guys and Dolls Club will stop holding games due to attendance and Bob Grueber asked if we would be interested in purchasing his Bridge Mates. We agreed that we would be interested if the price is reasonable.

#### **Schedule Holiday Party**

The date for the Holiday Party will be December 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Schedule Upcoming Annual Meeting**

The date for the Annual Meeting will be determined at the December meeting.

**Year-end Gifts**

We will give gifts as we have previously to the temple staff and to individuals that we as a board deem appropriate.

**Other Business**

The December meeting will be held on December 7, a change from our regular meeting date, at 10:45 a.m.

Margie Butler, President, adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary*