

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

October 12, 2023, at Temple Beth Torah (TBT)

Board Members Present: Margie Butler, Raeann Koerner, Kay Mendel, Mark Eckhout, Craig Kavin, Sue Houk and Suzanne Brenner

Absent: Parker Mann

Meeting was called to order at 10:52 a.m. by Margie Butler

Old/Continuing Business

Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Craig Kavin to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023, meeting, and 2nd by Kay Mendel, M/S/A.

Treasurer's Report

Kay had previously emailed two reports:

Sheet 1: Monthly Income and Expense.

The loss was due to both raising the fees paid to directors and also to hosting free games at the Townhouse Sept 16-30.

Sheet 3: TBT Detail

There was a loss for the month due to the increase in fees paid for our directors.

Sheet 4: Towne House Detail

We had 3 games at TH which were free to players: at a cost of \$400 for directors and ACBL fees. Additionally, the cost for snacks, storage cart and supplies for approx. \$150.

Suzanne Brenner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for September 2023, and 2nd by Sue Houk, M/S/A.

Club Operations and Management- Margie

Prior to the meeting Parker had sent a QUIP report to review.

Margie will investigate history and procedures for potential compensation for Club Manager / Treasurer positions.

As Margie continues to pursue someone to be our next club manager, it was discussed that possibly having someone act as an assistant to work together with the club manager.

Status of TBT Meister Hall topics: -Margie

- A – Purchase of chairs like the TBT chairs

Jody Shapiro and Margie have visited Tri County to investigate potential chairs to purchase. It was discussed that chairs will be placed near the director who will distribute to players based on need. When chairs are not being used during our games, we are willing to place in the TBT alcove area for use by TBT.

Suzanne Brenner made a motion to purchase 4 chairs not to exceed \$1500, and 2nd by Craig Kavin, M/S/A.

- B- Discuss TBT Facilities Use Agreement
The discussion regarding our agreement has not occurred at this time. Kay and Margie will still pursue this discussion in the future.

New Business

Donation to TBT

There was discussion as to how our club could show support for TBT during the current situation as they have added additional security for safety. Raeann and Suzanne will discuss with Martha as to how TBT would prefer that we discuss with our members. It was agreed that we would do a Pionola mailing telling members that donations can be made at our games during the following week or may be mailed directly to TBT, and our club would make a matching donation at a not to exceed amount or \$1000.

Theme Game at Towne House Nov. 18

Susan Lang has volunteered to plan a Theme Game to be held at the Towne House on Nov. 18 with a Thanksgiving Theme, potentially suggesting people wear their fall colors.

Recruiting for 2024 Board of Directors and Open Positions

Mark will be responsible for the Nominating Committee in pursuit of creating a slate of candidates for upcoming positions.

Tables

Kay will research small tables, size options and price, that we might be able to place in the North position for each table during games.

Margie Butler, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary