

**Unit 547 Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2024 @ 10:45am
Temple Beth Torah**

Board Members Present: Margie Butler, Kay Medel, Craig Kavin, Jim Wall, Sue Houk, Gary Ansok, Gerri Knilans and Suzanne Brenner

Guests Present: Susan Lang

The meeting was called to order Margie Butler at 10:49 a.m..

Resignation of VP - The board decided to table the discussion until the end of the meeting when Raeann was planning to participate in the meeting.

Old/Continuing Business

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Craig Kavin to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2024 meeting, and 2nd by Gary Ansok, M/S/A.

Treasurer's Report (Kay Mendel)

Prior to the meeting, Kay had emailed her report to the board for review. In summary:

Sheet 1: Monthly Income and Expense

We had a loss in February of \$4,313 due to the annual property tax reimbursement to TBT of \$4,527. FYI this is reflected on Sheet 3 TBT Detail as a monthly estimated expense of \$400. The actual monthly expense was \$378 (\$4527/12).

Sheet 2 TBT Detail

We had a gain of \$197 this month due to a lot of tables. Also please note that \$214 (\$190 for TBT) additional ACBL fees were paid in Feb for Special Fund games.

Sheet 3

Towne House Detail

We had a loss of \$20.

A motion was made by Suzanne Brenner to approve the Treasurer Report for February 2024, and 2nd by Craig Kavin, M/S/A.

Club Operations & Management (Jim Wall)

Prior to the meeting Jim had sent to the board the In and Out Report from ACBL and our attendance report. Jim pointed out from the report that the Saturday game has had low attendance. He shared a suggestion from a member about the possibility of

publicizing the game at the Towne House and providing free play, but it was discussed that other options are going to be pursued at this time.

Responsibilities of the club manager were discussed. The club manager is responsible for the interactions with the ACBL and scheduling our games on the calendar. Once the types of games and assigned directors are on the calendar, Jim will then forward this information to the club's webmaster who is Margie at this time. It was discussed that we would like to have as many special games as possible, with the goal of $\frac{2}{3}$'s of our games to be special games.

Newspaper ad for Townehouse game (Margie)

Margie shared the information about the costs for advertising our Saturday game in the Ventura Breeze. It was discussed to possibly attempt some no cost advertising options - FaceTime and NextDoor (online) and Gerri offered to take brochures to the Thousand Oaks Goebel Adult Community Center and the Simi Valley bridge game location.

New Business

Mini McKinney & Ace of Clubs awards (Margie)

It was decided that at the April 18 game, the awards will be presented. The event will begin at 11:30 and special treats will be provided. Winners present that day will be able to play free for the game.

Issues to be addressed (Jim)

Stan made Jim aware of loose yellow boards in the storage area. Margie and Gary will take care of the matter.

Stan shared his concern about the Free Play Policy that he had received from Margie. Some on the board had received the email, and others had not. She read the information at the meeting and said she would forward the email again to everyone. It was discussed that the board wants to support encouraging new players to participate and our directors in their decision making process.

The size of our games held at TBT was discussed and determined that at this time we are comfortable with the numbers in attendance for the space that we have at this time. It was noted that our lease renewal at TBT will be on September 1, 2024.

Theme Games (Susan)

Susan discussed the Theme Game to be held on 3/16 at the Towne House - St. Patty's day theme. She also asked if she could continue to pursue additional creative theme game ideas in the future, the board agreed, and expressed appreciation for her continued efforts.

Tournament

Mark Eckhout had sent Margie an email indicating that he would be attending meetings in the future. It was discussed that if we wanted to pursue hosting the Strawberry Festival Tournament that we definitely needed to find someplace immediately. The Camarillo Freedom center was ruled out at this time. Suzanne Brenner volunteered to contact Cross Point Church to determine if that location was available for the dates we are interested in, and to clarify what they have there in terms of our needs - table, chairs, etc.

Charity Games (RaeAnn)

Raeann proposed to the board the possibility of hosting a charity game in the future. She offered to be in charge of the event. She shared information with the board about a similar event that was to assist and support the homeless population in Ventura.

Margie Butler, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.