

**Unit 547 Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**  
**Temple Beth Torah**

The meeting was called to order by Raeann Koerner at 11: 56 a.m.

Raeann Koerner welcomed those in attendance for the Annual Meeting.

She expressed that we had a good year in 2025, that our club is in fact thriving.

Kay Mendel presented her Annual Treasurer Report and provided copies of the profit and loss statement for the year, with comparison information for previous years.

She clarified that the substantial gain for this year was due to generous donations from our members who have chosen to support our club. We also had successful tournaments in 2025 and did not have any capital purchases this year. It is anticipated that we will have expenditures this year. Some examples are replacing tables, Bridgemates, cards/boards, a new laptop computer, etc. We did have to service our dealer machines this year for approximately \$1000.00.

Raeann shared that beginning lessons will be starting on February 12, from 10:45-12:15pm, and there is a handout that people can take to share with anyone that might be interested. She thanked those members who have helped with the instruction: Bunny Raymond, Iris Acutt, Susan Lang, and Suzanne Brenner.

She thanked Don and Anne Cline for continuing lessons and games on Tuesdays for those students leaving the beginning class and those that continue to want to participate in the instruction/practice game that is offered.

She thanked Craig Kavin for the classes that he provides monthly for intermediate players.

She shared some of the highlights from this past year:

- Promoting the Thursday limited game
- Limited games offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays, in addition to open games offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- The transition of players from the beginning bridge class to Don and Anne's class and game; and from Tuesdays supervised play to the Wednesday limited game.
- We have honored members every month for their birthday with cake and song
- Success of the Team Games

- Theme Games
- New Rankings achieved by members during this past year Raeann asked for those members that had received this achievement to please stand and be recognized.

Raeann recognized the behind the scene efforts from the board members and asked that they stand to be recognized.

Raeann thanked our directors Stan Snyder, Chris Gillman, and Gary Ansok, for without them we would not have games as we know them today. Shared that Stan has not been well and we hope that he will return to work with us when he is ready. She thanked Jody Shapiro for her efforts as a director and her work submitting articles to our district's monthly publication as she retired this past year. She asked Nancy Hall if she was still willing to assist as a director in the future, and complimented her on her directing skills. She did ask if there might be anyone else that would be interested in becoming a director in the future; and if so to please let her know.

Raeann recognized Susan Lang for her efforts as our theme-game coordinator. The next game will be for St. Patrick's Day, and Sue Houk will be responsible that day for the event.

Raeann thanked Rose Buckley, who is our webmaster and keeps that club up to date with announcements.

Raeann thanked those individuals that assist with greeting members at the door before the games: John Anderson, Larry Pellitier, Marcia Rubin, Jim Wall, Sue Houk, and Suzanne Brenner.

Raeann thanked and recognized Jim Wall for his dedication to the weekly setup for the game - tables, chairs, etc. Raeann did ask for volunteers to possibly assist Jim with this responsibility.

Raeann shared that unfortunately we have had members that have passed away during the past year and asked for a moment of silence in their honor:

Mark Pash, Dennis Charles, Diane DiConti, Linda Feutel, Bob Bradish, Lois McCampbell and Peggy Nielson.

Raeann thanked Rosemary Rietz for being responsible for organizing this information for her.

Raeann asked if anyone would be interested in the role of our Hospitality Chairperson, and then shared that currently we have had Colin Pitt take on the responsibility of Tuesdays and we could have someone just take on one day if

possible. She said if anyone was interested or had questions, to please speak with her, Sue Houk, or Kay Mendel.

Raeann shared that we had not had to increase our game fee, even with the fees we pay for rent to the Temple and taxes we pay to the county.

Raeann did remind members that we are to park towards the back of the parking lot, to allow space towards the front of the temple for parents who are picking up their children.

Raeann encouraged members to attend the Strawberry Sectional Bridge Tournament to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 29th and 30th at the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park Department in Camarillo. We will also host a Harvest Sectional on Friday and Saturday September 18th and 19th. She thanked Mark Eckhout for his organization of these events.

Bunny Raymond discussed her role as Membership Chairperson; and that we currently have 303 regular members that play in our games. Not all are members of our Unit or ACBL. If anyone needs assistance in the area of their membership, they should reach out to Bunny.

Bunny then discussed her role as chairperson of the nominating committee, working with Joy Kobayashi and Rosemary Reitz. Bunny explained that there are two members who are willing to participate as a board member: Buki Burke and Ray Tsuyuki. The slate of board members also includes (year 2 of a 2 year term): Raeann Koerner, Bunny Raymond, Craig Kavin, and Kay Mendel. And members (year 1 of a 2 year term) Suzanne Brenner, Gary Ansok, Gerri Knilans, and Jim Wall.

Bunny asked if there were any nominations from the floor, and there were none. Raeann asked for a vote of the slate of officers and it was unanimously approved.

Raeann shared that there are non-board members who have volunteered:  
Richard Fox as Outreach Coordinator  
Robert Deal Newcomer/Intermediate Coordinator  
Joy Kobayashi continuing as the Guaranteed Partner Coordinator

Raeann shared goals for 2026:

- Saturday game
- Continued Theme Games
- Mentoring Program
- Team Games every quarter
- New Directors - we will assist with the costs

- Spring and Fall Tournaments
- Outreach for New Members

Raeann encouraged those who are not a member of ACBL to consider doing so. Dues are \$39.00 annually. The benefits of joining the ACBL include:

- You get a free play to play at our club
- Monthly magazine
- You are supporting the program that supports you
- You support our own club - Unit 547
- You get to keep the master points that you earn
- You receive the monthly Pianola E-mail that explains the upcoming club events (you must be a member of the ACBL to receive these emails)

Lastly, Raeann thanked the temple staff that helps support us as we use the facility - Martha, Camilo, Rabbi Lisa, and the TBT board.

President, Raeann Koerner, adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.