

WBL Board Meeting

11 November 2009

The meeting was held at Clyde Kruskal's home.

In attendance: Carole Banks, Don Berman, Ellen Cherniavsky, Richard Ferrin, Jim Geist, Fred King, Clyde Kruskal, Linda Marshall, Ron Zucker; non-voting members Barry Bragin, Donna Rogall; guests Barbara Doran, Mark Rosen.

President Don Berman called the meeting to order at 7:51 PM.

Secretary's Report

The Board approved the minutes without objection.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Fred King ascertained that our Wachovia accounts were earning near zero interest and incurred fees of \$60 per year. He therefore withdrew the money (about \$38,000) and got quotes from three other banks. Because we have a checking account at the Bank of America, they offer the best terms. Fred will split the money between a 1.2% certificate of deposit and a money market account paying 1%.

Fred also investigated the status of our account with the post office, which is used for sending out the Bulletin. This information is unavailable online, but a contact has been established. The Bulletin costs about \$2500 per issue to mail.

The Treasurer's report was approved without objection.

Bridge in Schools

Guest Mark Rosen was invited to speak next. Mark has been teaching at Tilden for the last seven years. He stated that there are plenty of volunteers willing to teach, but coordinators haven't been effective in getting schools to participate; efforts to involve schools need to start in March or April for the following fall. Mark believes middle schools are the best place to try to develop bridge players. Mark is willing to spearhead a search for a coordinator, and will develop a clear job description. He will talk to the principal at his school and try to contact other principals.

President's Report

President Don Berman received an email draft agreement from the Ohr Kodesh representative, Jerry Kiewe. We will be holding the Unit Game there on 19 November, and thereafter starting in January 2010. The regular rental rate will be set at \$300 per use, which includes the cost of setting up and taking down the tables; this rate will remain in effect through June 30, 2010. A new shed will not be purchased to store the tables; they will be placed in the storage room adjacent to the Social Hall.

Because of the prohibition on bringing in non-kosher food, there may be no Holiday Party next year at the synagogue. Traditionally people have brought pot-luck to the party, rather than the food being supplied by the Hospitality Committee.

After the January sectional the Church will charge \$95 per hour for the use of the Social Hall.

Carole Banks has looked into a Seventh Day Adventist church where we might be able to hold sectionals. There may be a religious objection to holding card games there. Nadine Wood, tournament chair, is working on the possibility of holding sectional Fridays at the Senior Center.

Bridge and Bowling has been set up for Super Bowl Saturday in Laurel.

Don Berman will be on vacation and asked for volunteers to fill in on getting Unit Game results on the web site. Ron Zucker volunteered.

Unit Game

Chris Miller was not present, but sent a spreadsheet via email. Up to now \$8000 has been earned on the Unit Game, very little money has been made on the sectionals. A new computer has been purchased for less than the \$500 authorized by the Board.

The Unit Game schedule for 2010 was finalized after some discussion of how many B-A-M team games to hold: zero, one or two. The vote in favor of two was overwhelming.

Guest Barbara Doran stated that she needs partners for the guaranteed partner program. Carole Banks suggested that she compile a roster of volunteers for the entire year, as people might be willing to volunteer one week a year, but not every month. Barbara will act on this suggestion.

Carole Banks said that not enough publicity was given to the joint game with the ABA, and suggested that memorabilia such as pencils engraved with the name and date of the event be distributed to every table. She was asked to provide a cost estimate, and directed to Adrienne Kuehneman.

WBL Bulletin

Donna Rogall submitted an estimate of less than \$60 to replace the camera used to take pictures of winners of WBL events and was authorized to do so.

Donna will compile bills due for ads in the Bulletin.

Printing of Life Master List

This list includes points won on-line. There was some discussion of whether this was appropriate, and Don Berman will undertake to find out if it is possible to separate out those points. Richard Ferrin moved to eliminate the listing of points won for the year. This lost three to four with two abstentions.

Next Meeting

The next WBL Board meeting will take place December 16, 2009 at Carole Bank's house. The Board thanked Clyde Kruskal for his hospitality. Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Cherniavsky,
Secretary