

Houston Hillel Board Meeting
February 24, 2020 - 7:00 pm

Attendance:

Jeff Berlat, Lena Lieb, Bobby Wizig, Gideon Estes, Ellie Rips, Nofar Salman, Kenny Weiss, Alyssa Silva, Scott Friedman, Jason Plotkin, Randi Plante, Brian Hall, Leon Trakhtenberg, Eric Cohn, Brian Cweren, Daniel Pickelner, Rozanne Rubin, Jeff Levine, Sean Kessel

Pizza and Salad social time

D'var Torah – Kenny

Speed dating with students and Jewston participants

- 5 students and Jewston participants visited with Board Members, discussing a myriad of topics - from what Houston Hillel has meant to them to their current fields of study and work, to their views on Israel and the Holocaust. Board Members thoroughly enjoyed interacting with a small sampling of students and twentysomethings we serve.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes
- Dashboard and Solicitation Report

President's Report

- Scott Friedman and Rozanne Rubin shared thoughts about attending the Hillel International Global Leadership Conference.
 - Scott was impressed with the enthusiasm shown and shared by Hillel lay leaders and professionals as well as the many resources he learned are available to local Hillel chapters through Hillel International.
 - Rozanne distributed "Ten Basic Roles and Responsibilities" from BoardSource, and led a brief discussion about the document.
- Rozanne shared that she had conducted Kenny's mid-year professional review and shared the results with the Executive Committee.

Treasurer's Report

- Leon shared an overview of Houston Hillel's expenses.

Committee Reports

- Development Committee – Ongoing work on Houston Hillel Case Statement and updating aspects of the Strategic Plan
- Programming Committee – Engagement numbers are much higher than the previous year.
- Building and Security Committee – Review of committee minutes previously sent via email, including gate access system replacement.
- Governance Committee –

- Nominating Committee update from Eric Cohn. If anyone is interested in serving on this important committee, please contact Eric at eric.cohn@gmail.com or (972) 822-0634.

Old Business

- Endowment Policy Update – Still in progress.

New Business

- Bylaws Revision – Not yet begun.
- Employee Handbook to be adopted by July 1, 2020. Kenny is working on this with outside HR consul.

Good and Welfare

- Jeff Levine will defend his dissertation shortly.
- Gideon Estes will be honored for ten years as Congregation Or Ami's rabbi.

Adjournment

Next Board meeting will be on May 4, 2020