

Houston Hillel Special Board Meeting
March 30, 2020 - 7:00 pm via Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

Jeff Berlat, Bobby Wizig, Gideon Estes, Ellie Rips, Nofar Salman, Kenny Weiss, Alyssa Silva, Scott Friedman, Jason Plotkin, Brian Hall, Leon Trakhtenberg, Eric Cohn, Rozanne Rubin, Jason Fischer, Marlene Rubin, Sandy Jackson

Rozanne began with an overview of Kenny's work toward the SBA Paycheck Protection Program.

Kenny presented a brief overview of Houston Hillel engagement since programming went virtual. Houston Hillel's staff has had 304 interactions with 173 participants. Of those, 251 interactions with 168 people were specifically related to checking in with participants to inquire about their welfare.

Kenny spoke through a presentation largely prepared by Rozanne about the SBA Paycheck Protection Program. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

Questions and discussion ensued. Kenny and a couple other board members addressed questions and concerns. Among them:

- We will engage Pioneer Bank, a SBA Preferred Lender. The President of Pioneer Bank is Kenny's brother-in-law. While the bank president will recuse himself from the loan process, it was felt that for Houston Hillel, Pioneer Bank would be more attentive to our application. This is important because the SBA process is first-come first-served.

From Houston Hillel's Bylaws:

Contracts may be signed by any two of the Executive Director and/or officers of the Board. Promissory notes shall be signed by the Treasurer and President. Except with respect to matters elsewhere in these bylaws provided to be within the authority of the Board of Trustees, no officer of Houston Hillel shall have the right or power to bind Houston Hillel to any contract or obligation unless specifically authorized by a motion recorded by the secretary and approved by a vote of the majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Gideon Estes moved that Houston Hillel's Board of Directors authorize President Rozanne Rubin and/or Treasurer Leon Trakhtenberg to approve the SBA loan process and agreement, and authorize Executive Director Kenny Weiss to facilitate the process and sign on behalf of Rozanne, Leon, and Houston Hillel.

Bobby seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Adjournment

Next Board meeting will be on May 4, 2020