Annual Meeting 3/15/2019

7:45 pm Annual Meeting called to order by Mark Idelberg. Welcome everyone to the 144th Annual Meeting. Our bylaws state that each household gets one vote. Please only vote once.

Ask for a motion to pass the minutes from the 143rd Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

Approve the New Trustees to the Board of Directors: Richard Cohen, Toni Kboudi, and Charles Malek. Motion passed.

Motion to elect Ron Sachs to a second term on the Board of Trustees. Motion passed.

Thank you to Michael Eber who will retire from the Board of Trustees. Thank you for your dedication to Temple Emanuel.

Rabbi Foster recognized Temple Emanuel’s 50 Year members: Steve Kreisman, Petie Horton, Kate and Alan Fox, Jane and Donny Friedman, Sunny and Norm Brownstein, and Ruth Perotin and Craig Dick.

Will Trachman, Brotherhood President, congrats to new Board Members. Brotherhood was active this year with the Annual Blood Drive, scholarships for college students, softball team, and BBQ for Mitzvah Day and Religious School. Volunteer of the Year is Bruce Baer for his dedication in awarding the college students scholarships.

Barb Schwartz, Sisterhood President, thank you to our sisterhood for a great year. Programs have included: Shabbaton es, annual dinner, trip to plays, ushers, flowers for High Holy Days, tot shabbat, Mah Jong tournament, etc.. Volunteer of the Year Marilyn Tepper. She is always willing to get stuff done, spiritual leader of Passover seder.

Mark Idelberg: Thanks to Steve Stark for all of his hard work.

Steve Stark: Volunteers of the Year: Trina Reisch, Alison Gillis, and Sara Goldblatt for their dedication to Mitzvah Day over the past few years.

Steve Stark to honor Julie Lucas for her 25 years of service to Temple Emanuel. She is a fixture at Temple Emanuel during a growth period she kept everything together and running smoothly. She is ethical and has amazing business aptitude.

Francie Miran and Kelli Pfaff “Life and Legacy Campaign for Shwayder Camp”. Goal, to make Shwayder Camp last another 70 years. Please consider giving in your will to ensure a future for campers.

Steve Stark Kehila 1874 update. Goal to educate the congregation about the cost of running a synagogue. We met our first-year target goals. The next goal is to get another 20-25% of the congregation to opt in. Thank you to everyone who has opted into Kehila 1874.

Marj Idelberg and Rabbi Black to give the Annual Report. Year of growth and renewal. We are focusing energy on revitalizing our the role of our Board of Trustees as an advisory board. We were able to have two new Rabbi’s, Rabbi Hyatt and Rabbi Baskin, join our staff. We are thankful to Fred and Lundy Reynolds for the remodel of our Adult Education wing as we spend more time and energy on Adult Education at Temple Emanuel. We are aware of the issues happening at the cemetery and have formed a task force to address these issues and to problem solve with lay leaders and representatives of Fairmount Cemetery.
Our B’nai Mitzvah program has taken off and inspired many of our youth to continue to be involved in Jewish life at Temple Emanuel. We are also in the process of making some adaptations to our sanctuary so we can make better use of the space.

It is Shwayder Camp’s 70th anniversary this year. August 17th we will have a celebration and we have instituted a new session structure which has been a success.

Rabbi Black has also changed his stance on inter-faith marriage and that has had a positive effect on our community. This is Rabbi Black’s 10th year at Temple Emanuel and we will be celebrating that at our fundraiser this year.

The Temple Emanuel professional team has been working hard and continues to go above and beyond in every way.

Task forces were formed to address many issues including: grief and mourning, sacred spaces, ELC, and cemetery.

We hosted many programs and events at Temple Emanuel this year including: Interfaith Thanksgiving service, Governor’s Holocaust Memorial, Partnership programs with Rose Medical Center, Artists in Residence, Scholars in Residence, Talmud classes, adult education programs, Israel programs, Family Promise, trip to Israel, Stapleton Shabbat, Free Birds, book clubs, movie groups and many more.

Our religious school has grown and now we educate 650 students compared to 575 from last year. We have over 70 teens involved in religious school classrooms, took 20 students to New York and Washington D.C. We have over 100 kids in pre k-3rd grade and hosted a conference for Jewish Educators.

Our ELC also got a facelift with new hallways, floors, and an outdoor learning space.