

LIBRARY MINYAN AGENDA

February 10, 1985

1. Group discussions of the proposed resolutions of the Library Minyan (see text below).
2. General discussion of the proposed resolutions.
3. Vote on the proposed resolution.

Proposed Resolutions of the Library Minyan Governance Committee

WHEREAS, at its November 18, 1984, meeting, the Library Minyan voted to establish a committee to bring a proposal to the membership to establish a system of governance; and

WHEREAS, in considering the form of governance, the Governance Committee reviewed the following list of existing characteristics of the Library Minyan:

1. Controlled anarchy.
2. No rabbi.
3. Egalitarian.
4. Welcomes participation by all its members in all areas, including governance.
5. Revolving nature of leadership.
6. Lack of politics.
7. Child care/ consciousness of children.
8. Nonmembers are not allowed to "rent" the Minyan for personal reasons; e.g., bar mitzvahs, high holidays, aufraufs.
9. Tolerance of diversity of styles, with limits of halacha.
10. Independence from other organization, in general.
11. Affiliation with Temple Beth Am.

WHEREAS, the Governance Committee has attempted to preserve the existing form of the Library Minyan while recognizing the need for improved governance;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Library Minyan does hereby adopt the following format for governance:

1. The Library Minyan membership has complete authority to make or to delegate any decision affecting the Library Minyan.
2. The Library Minyan hereby delegates the review and implementation of issues and programs to committees.
3. Committees of the Library Minyan shall be composed of members of the Library Minyan. All committees shall be open to any member of the Library Minyan.
4. The standing committees shall include:
 - a. Synagogue Relations
 - b. Children and Youth
 - c. Ritual
 - d. Education
 - e. Social/Hospitality
 - f. Finance/Membership
5. Each committee shall select a chairperson, who shall serve for a term of one (1) year. The chairperson shall be elected no later than January 31 of each calendar year, and shall take office on March 1 of each year. No chairperson shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms.
6. The chairperson, or another designee, of each standing committee, shall serve on an executive committee. This committee (the "Steering Committee") shall also select from the members of the Minyan three additional members (the "At Large Members") to serve on the Steering Committee. The outgoing and incoming members of the Steering Committee shall meet in February of each calendar year to select the three new At Large Members of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall select a spokesperson from amongst its members.
7. The Steering Committee shall be responsible for the operation of the Minyan. As to issues which must be addressed and duties which must be discharged, the Steering Committee shall either:
 - a. delegate full responsibility to a standing committee;
 - b. assign to a standing committee the duty to study the issue and propose recommendations;
 - c. create an ad hoc committee to study the issue and propose recommendations; or
 - d. assume full responsibility for study of an issue itself.

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that individuals be considered voting members of the Library Minyan based on the following criteria:

1. All members must pay dues. A member who joins the Minyan between June 1 and December 1 of a calendar year shall pay full dues to Temple Beth Am. A member who joins at another time of the year shall make a contribution to the Minyan on a basis to be determined by the Finance/Membership Committee.

2. All members must be at least 13 years old.

3. All members must attend shabbat services at the Library Minyan on a regular basis. An individual who attends at least twice per month shall be presumed to be attending on a regular basis.

4. All members shall serve the Minyan in some capacity.

Membership shall also entitle members and their children to High Holiday seats.