Shalom Club General Meeting Minutes January 20, 2020 7:00PM

Our meeting began at 7:00PM in the Tewa Room at the Kiva Club. Attendance was taken at the door and membership dues were collected from those who had not already paid.

Ted Lutins, co-president, conducted the meeting with Sam Lewis, co-president, Norm Lifshutz, treasurer, and Saretta Kessler, member at large, sitting in front for questions and reports. Sue Lewis is acting as Secretary and recorded minutes at the meeting.

Ted first described the history of the ACLU lawsuit which opened up the option for us, a Jewish club, to participate as a Trilogy chartered club.

He then outlined the advantages and disadvantages for us to become chartered or to gain status as the Official Shalom Club of Trilogy. Disadvantages in chartering are that we lose our independence as to membership criteria, and there will be supervision of our finances through audits and other requirements.

Specific advantages in being the Official Shalom Club is that we will have full access to the two clubhouses based on availability for our larger events. We also will be the only Shalom Club allowed at Trilogy.

With either status, the club will have to plan far enough ahead to gain access to rooms for availability like other chartered clubs. We also will not be able to provide our own food for events as everything must be catered by Blue Star Catering.

There was a thorough question and answer session.

A vote was taken and the tally was overwhelming for us to be the Official Shalom Club at Trilogy.

Treasurer's Report: Norman Lifshutz read his financial report and answered questions. Please see his submitted report for monetary details. There were a total of 259 members at the end of 2019. There were 13 social events including our membership dinner.

Program Committee: Saretta Kessler presented her social committee report. She said that members should check our Shalom Club website for all future activities and program information. In February the club will be going to Barleens. There are still 7 tickets available for self driving. In March, there is a potential tour of Amazon in Phoenix. TBA. On April 22 there will be a Ladies Tea at the home of Donna Stone, and Sam Lewis will chair a movie day for the men at the same time.

New Business: An Education Committee has been established with Sue Lewis as chair. Sue announced that the first program will be a Tu B'Shevat Seder and Presentation. The date will coincide with the holiday on February 10, 2020 at 7:00PM in the evening. Location is to be determined. She also asked for members to join her committee and to offer suggestions for other programs.

Mary Laufbaum proposed a Shalom Club cookbook and asked for recipes. She will chair the committee for the project. Joel Stuback offered to provide the printing of the book as he has his own company. The idea was welcomed with much enthusiasm.

A member brought up the possibility for us to consider a Shalom Club committee for social action and charitable activities. This will be open to future discussion for those who are interested.

Meeting ended at 8:45PM
Sue Lewis, Acting Recording Secretary.