

RAMAT GAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by Chair, Tina Robbins.

Tina welcomed our new Ramat Gan Youth Ambassadors and their parents. Iona Turley joined us with her parents, Celeste and Todd Turley. Blake Brennan joined us with his mother, Tracy Brennan. We are very excited to have Youth Ambassadors this year after a 2-year freeze on Youth Ambassadors from Ramat Gan. Also joining us was Kelly Bauer from the Herberger School of Design, located in the architectural building at ASU.

The minutes from the Feb. 8 meeting were approved as read, the motion made by Mimi and seconded by Aron.

The financial summary report was given by Tina and had been attached to our minutes. We have \$4104.00 available to us as of 1/31/18.

The Levity & Libations event has become problematic in both the location and date. A discussion ensued and our new member, Todd Turley offered his home in the Phoenix County Club as the location for our event. We cannot charge for the event because of issues with the liquor license but can ask for donations. Rita has a contact for us from which to obtain wine, hopefully, Israeli wine and will let us know what she finds out. If not, we will purchase the wine ourselves. A motion to change the date to April 22 and to be held at the Turley home was made by Carol, seconded by Aron, and unanimously passed. Tracy Brennan offered to loan her wine and champagne glasses for the event.

We had decided at the last meeting our events for the 2018-19 calendar year. Our Chanukah party will be held on Sunday, December 9 from 2-4 pm. The date of our Levity & Libation event will probably be changed since March 17 is St. Patrick's Day.

The 2018 Youth Ambassador calendar was presented. On April 15 there will be an event during which the various cultures from the different countries will be discussed. Since Mimi is our Youth & Education Liaison, she will speak about Israeli culture. There will be an Opening Welcome for our Youth Ambassadors on July 10. Mimi made a motion, seconded by Dede and passed unanimously to hold a picnic at Tina Robbins' Sedona home for all the Youth Ambassadors in lieu of a swim party this year. It will be held on either July 18th or 25th. The motion was amended by Mimi, seconded by Dede, and unanimously passed to spend no more than \$300 on this event.

Our guest, Kelly Bauer, from the Herberger School of Design, is available and very willing to help plan a shared event with the Shenkar School of Design in Ramat Gan. She can help us to involve not only the Herberger School, but perhaps, the IIDA, the International Interior Design Association. This sounds to be an exciting possibility and Kelly will be helped by our committee members, Rabbi Kravitz and Edna Sitelman. Much more information to follow at our next meeting. We had spoken about having this event in the fall, but the planning may take much longer, and the date cannot yet be decided.

The Mayor's International Gala will be held on April 26 at the Van Buren and Ennis will be the theme Sister City. The event will be very casual and will be priced at \$150.00 per person. We will be selling \$20 and \$100 raffle tickets again this year, and Carol made the pitch to the committee to sell them. There will only be one prize this year, a trip for 2 to any of our Sister Cities plus \$3000 cash. Our next meeting will be on April 12, to be held at Carol's home. We had a better turnout with our meeting held at 5:00 and will move our meetings to that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.