

Temple to discover its financial fate today

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B'Nai Torah officials are expected to announce today how much money the financially strapped synagogue was able to raise during an extremely emotional meeting of the congregation Thursday night.

More than 200 members attended the emergency meeting, said Kenneth Lipman, a B'Nai Torah board member. The meeting was called earlier this

week after NCNB Bank informed the synagogue it was in default of its \$4.5 million mortgage.

Lipman said the congregation hoped to raise the \$1 million needed to save the synagogue.

"It was not an us against them meeting," said Lipman. "It was not wanting to lose the synagogue."

Members were still adding figures and collecting checks after the meeting ended at 10 p.m., Lipman said, and no official dollar figure would be available

until today.

The press conference will be held at his office in Crocker Plaza at 11 a.m.

The 500-member congregation, based for years at a temple on Northwest Fourth Avenue in Boca Raton, moved to its new home in December.

They hoped to attract new members and provide the kind of family-oriented activities — bar mitzvahs, bat mitzvahs, weddings — necessary for growth by building the 1,600-seat building.