

Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation

Board of Directors' Meeting

Date: April 12, 2017

Location: JRC - Rooms 210/211

Start Time: 7:30 pm

End Time: 9:58 pm

Item	Action
I. Welcome and Call to Order	
II. Blessings	
III. D'var	Presented
IV. Appoint Timekeeper	Appointed
V. Minutes from March 2017	Approved
VI. Consent Agenda A. Rabbi's Report B. Executive Director's Report C. Financial Report D. Nominating Committee Report	Approved
VII. Gala Report	Progress on the upcoming April 29 JRC in Bloom gala was presented.
VIII. CHIdush Report	The fundamentals of the CHIdush grant program to re-envision JRC's Religious School curriculum were presented and discussed.
IX. Motion to Co-sponsor Syrian Relief Fundraising Concert	The Board passed a motion to co-sponsor a concert on May 7 to raise funds for Syrian refugee relief.
X. Budget	A draft of the FY 2018 budget was discussed. The Board passed a motion approving a 2% increase in Religious School tuition for FY 2018.
XI. Sign up for gift giving, d'var, & snacks	Board members were encouraged to sign up.
XII. Yasher Koach Corner	Board members recognized these individuals: Jonathan Markowitz and Sharon Diaz for their work on the FY 2017 budget. Carrie Elsberg for making and delivering dinner to Rabbi Weiss on a very busy day. Nominating Committee members Jonathan Goldman (chair), Cindy Aaronson, Jordana Binstock, Jeremy Gershfeld, Rich Katz, David Pinzur, Hannah Shearn for proposing the Board slate for 2017-18. Ray Grossman for finding leaders for lay-led Friday night services

and Saturday morning Torah study.

Robert Lange and Beth Lange for organizing the *Service to Man* movie presentation with filmmaker Aaron Greer on April 4.

Rich Cahan for teaching on his book *Un-American: The Incarceration of Japanese Americans During World War II: Images by Dorothea Lange, Ansel Adams, and Other Government Photographers* following Shabbat services on April 7.

Kirsten D'Aurelio for organizing JRC's first Social Action Salon meeting on March 17.

For the Annual Strategic Planning Retreat on February 12: All committee/task force leaders for participating; Rabbi Rachel Weiss for leadership and retreat direction; Cantor Howard Friedland, Terri Bernsohn, Claudia Rozenberg for participating; Sharon Diaz, Nina Litoff, Jill Persin for assistance in planning and participating; Linda Mathias Kaskel for organizing retreat details and presenting; Emily Harris for direction during the brainstorming activity; David Tabak, Diana McNelis, Linda Kaskel, Sheri Young for leading tables; Ann Kaplan-Perkins for timekeeping and microphone management; Ernesto Vega, Diana McNelis, Ann Kaplan-Perkins, Linda Mathias Kaskel, Sheri Young for setting up; Reese Gratch for shopping for snacks.

For organizing and helping with the Immigrant Justice Task Force's event on April 2 to kick-off JRC's support of the HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) Welcome Campaign: Gonzalo & Tina Escobar and Becky Block (coordinators), Ray Grossman (emcee), Lori Lippitz (music coordinator), Fred Wellisch (planning), Tamar Frolichstein-Appel (publicity), Elliot Frolichstein-Appel, Susan Siebers, Alan & Sallie Gratch, Maria Tolpin, Ann Bashook Leiner, Nancy Freedman, Judith Helzner, Nancy Freedman, Ilene Lebovitz, Alan Wachs, Helga Harper, Judy and Howard Cohen, Sallie Gratch, Marie & Gerry Davidson, Dick Block, Hannah Scherberg, Pat Montag, Lily & Jemma Montag, Lisa Ehrlich-Menard, Jason Menard, Bella & Sophie Menard, Scott Pollack, Howard Friedland, Robin Trilling, Marla Baker, Jil Levin Deheeger, Ann Schmidt. Also, non-JRC members: Sarah Goone (Maxwell Street Band); Amro Hosny Helmy, Joey Spilberg, Lokman Odeh (Salaam/Shalom Music Project); Yara Shadid (HIAS Chicago); Josh Turnbull (co-leader of Mishkan Chicago's refugee welcome team); Cinthya Rodriguez (CRLN Immigration Organizer); Shanti Elliott (Post-Detention Accompaniment Network [PDAN] dispatcher); Melanie Schikore (ICDI [Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants] Executive Director); Pam Shearman (ICDI Director of the Jail Ministry); Daryna Bernhardt (Upwardly Global).

XIII. Good and Welfare	Items were shared.
XIV. Next Meeting and Adjournment	The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2017.