

Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation

Board of Directors' Meeting

Date: December 12, 2018

Location: JRC - Rooms 210/211

Start Time: 7:30 pm

End Time: 8:56 pm

Item	Action
I. Welcome and Call to Order	
II. Blessings	
III. D'var	None
IV. Appoint Timekeeper	Appointed
V. Minutes from November 7 Board Meeting	Approved
VI. Consent Agenda A. Rabbi's Report B. Executive Director's Report C. Religious School Report D. Treasurer's Report E. Membership Report F. Strategic Planning Report G. Reconstructing Judaism Report H. JRC Three Tier Decisions for 12-12-2018	<p>Consent Agenda approved.</p> <p>The Board approved four decisions of the JRC Tikkun Olam Leadership Team:</p> <p>JRC will sign onto a resolution before the Evanston City Council supporting medical aid in dying at end-of-life and urging the Illinois legislature to enact medical aid-in-dying legislation.</p> <p>JRC will sign onto a resolution in support of Evanston's Climate Action and Resiliency Plan that will be brought to the Evanston City Council's Human Services Committee on December 3 and to the Evanston City Council on December 10.</p> <p>JRC will sign onto a letter advocating ending the practice of housing people for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Kankakee County that will be presented to the Kankakee County Board on December 11.</p> <p>JRC will sign onto a letter calling upon Congress to force the immediate shutdown of the immigrant detention center in Tornillo, Texas.</p>
VII. Monthly Financials	Financial statements were reviewed. All P&L items are tracking with prior years; however, a \$35K deficit is projected, due in large part to the shift of several regular households to senior households.
VIII. Budget Process and Miscellaneous	Committees should be working on their budgets.
IX. Gala and Fundraising Report	The Capital Campaign is slowly making progress on logistics to solicit donors and cultivate congregant

	engagement. The Gala Committee has started meeting to plan the annual gala, which will be held on May 4. Nefesh Mountain will perform at the annual Gassel Concert on March 2, which will also be a fundraiser.
X. Engagement with Congregation	Activities were reported.
XI. Sign up for gift giving, d'var, & snacks and membership assistance	Board members were encouraged to sign up.
XII. Yasher Koach Corner	<p>Board members recognized these individuals:</p> <p>Fall Social Committee: Hannah Shearn (chair), Jody Berman, Rebecca Spivack, Maya Escobar, Jen Tchaou, Rebecca Zakem.</p> <p>For organizing Rabbi David Eber's Shabbat Installation events: Nancy Zwick, Sandy Spatz and Tracy Hultgren.</p> <p>Latkefest! organizers and workers: Michael Bloom, Joel and Reese Gratch, Michael and Bonnie Nolan, Leah Whitesel, Carol Ellegant, Jon Brooke, Eli Shearn.</p> <p>Beth Kaskel and Michael O'Neill for hosting the December 5 Chibur Hanukkah Gathering.</p> <p>Kim Moldofsky and Ann Dolinko for leading the December 9 Rosh Chodesh Service.</p> <p>Jon Marshall for his December 9 interview of journalist Ethan Michaeli about his groundbreaking book on the history of The Chicago Defender.</p> <p>David Jacobson, owner of Chicago Jewish Funerals, for always being available to and for caring about JRC and its congregants.</p> <p>For the Phonathon: Joel Gratch for organizing; Sharon Diaz for the background preparation work.</p> <p>JRC member Michael Strom was honored as the Light of Righteousness by the Decalogue Society of Lawyers on December 5.</p> <p>JRC member Mark Zivin will be honored by J Street on December 14 with the Tzedek v'Shalom Award (Peace and Justice Award).</p>
XIII. Good and Welfare	Items were shared.
XIV. Executive Session	
XV. Next Meeting and Adjournment	The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2019.