

Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation

Board of Directors' Meeting

Date: February 8, 2017

Location: JRC - Rooms 210/211

Start Time: 7:30 pm

End Time: 9:39 pm

Item	Action
I. Welcome and Call to Order	
II. Blessings	
III. D'var	Presented
IV. Appoint Timekeeper	Appointed
V. Minutes from January 11 Board Meeting	Approved
VI. Consent Agenda A. Rabbi's Report B. Executive Director's Report C. Financial Report D. Tikkun Olam Report E. Nominating Committee Report	Approved
VII. HIAS Motion	The Board passed a motion that JRC will join the HIAS Welcome Campaign as a Congregation. Work associated with fulfilling JRC's commitment to HIAS will be taken up by the Immigrant Justice Task Force as part of its ongoing work.
VIII. A. Gender Inclusion Procedures Motion	The Board passed a motion that JRC affirm its commitment to the full equality and inclusion of people of all gender identities and gender expressions and commits to adopting procedures consistent with the guidelines proposed by the JRC Gender Inclusion Task Force.
VIII. B. Pride Parade Motion	The Board passed a motion that JRC will march in this year's Gay Pride Parade in Chicago.
IX. Motion on Amicus Brief Opposing Executive Order on Immigration Ban	The Board passed a motion authorizing that JRC's name be added, pending approval of attorneys, JRC's President and Rabbi Weiss, to one or more amicus briefs to be filed in court by a nationwide collection of faith-based groups voicing opposition to President Trump's Executive Order, which aims to ban nationals of seven countries from entering the U.S.
X. Board Retreat	The upcoming February 12 Board retreat was discussed.

XI. Finance	Budgeting for FY 18 and plans for the upcoming April 29 gala were discussed.
XII. Motion to Maintain Oppenheimer Account	The Board passed a motion to maintain a brokerage account with Oppenheimer & Co to receive donations of stock, and to authorize the treasurer and executive director to maintain the account and execute transactions accordingly.
XIII. Sign up for gift giving, d'var, & snacks	Board members were encouraged to sign up.
XIV. Yasher Koach Corner	<p>Board members recognized these individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Jonathan Markowitz for offering to give the B’Nai Mitzvah gift on February 11.</li> <li>-Becca Sperling for coordinating JRC’s participation in the January 21 Women’s March on Chicago.</li> <li>-For the January 29 event at the Muslim Education Center: Maria Tolpin (coordinator), Rebecca Rubin, Tina Escobar, Melissa Mizel, Arlene Sagan, Ann Schmidt, Victoria Landau.</li> <li>-All the people working on other recent Tikkun Olam events, including: Solidarity Day at the Muslim Education Center with Rabbi Weiss on February 3, welcoming immigrants at O’Hare, solidarity event at The Loop Synagogue on February 8.</li> <li>-Rabbi Weiss for leading the Community Shabbat service while the marches were happening on January 21, for building community, and for leading another enlightening class, on Shabbat liturgy.</li> <li>-Laurie Goldstein for her work on Tikkun Olam.</li> <li>-Terri Bernsohn and the 4th grade Religious School Class for making and sending cards to those on the Refuah Sheleymah list.</li> <li>-Deb Drache for scheduling another B’nai Mitzvah class.</li> <li>-Jerry Herst for exploring solar panels for JRC.</li> <li>-Todd Hasak-Lowy for leading the ongoing “Modern Hebrew Literature” class.</li> <li>-Gender Inclusion Task Force members – Juliet Berger-White and Terri Bernsohn (co-chairs), Nicki Bazer, Keegan Sherlock, Jackie Singer, Ronni Lewis, Vickie Korey, Sharon Diaz, Claudia Rozenberg – for defining JRC’s policy and procedures on this topic.</li> <li>-Juliet Berger-White, Josh Karsh, and Caryn Lederer for working on the amicus brief to be filed in court.</li> </ul>
XV. Good and Welfare	Items were shared.

XVI. Next Meeting and  
Adjournment

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2017.