

Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation

Board of Directors' Meeting

Date: March 9, 2016

Location: JRC - Rooms 210/211

Start Time: 7:30 pm

End Time: 8:54 pm

Item	Action
I. Welcome and Call to Order	
II. Blessings	
III. Appoint Timekeeper	Appointed
IV. Motion to be a sponsor for the March 20 th Stand Against Islamophobia	The Board approved a motion to be listed as a sponsor for a "Stand Against Islamophobia" rally and canvassing in Evanston on Sunday March 20.
V. Minutes from February 10 Board Meeting	Approved with corrections
VI. D'var	Presented
VII. Consent Agenda A. Rabbi's Report B. Executive Director's Report C. Financial Report D. Cantor's Report	Approved
VIII. Motion for Pomegranate for Greater Chicago Jewish Festival	The Board approved a motion to sponsor a pomegranate to be decorated and displayed on Sunday June 5 at the Greater Chicago Jewish Festival.
IX. Motion for Gender Inclusion	The Board approved a motion to affirm its commitment to the full equality and inclusion of people of all gender identities and gender expressions, to publicly affirm this commitment, and to advocate that the Reconstructionist Movement affirm its own commitment. A JRC Gender Inclusion Task Force has been formed to make recommendations to the Board on how best to implement this commitment.
X. Strategic Planning Report	A successful Strategic Planning Leadership Retreat was held on February 28. Following up, the Strategic Planning Committee will focus on ways to identify, advertise and staff committee/task force volunteer opportunities.

<p>XI. Crystal Ball Wrap-Up</p>	<p>The March 5th Crystal Ball was a fun, upbeat evening and a great success, with about 200 guests in attendance. The gala netted about \$90,000 plus almost \$40,000 for Stop the Auction to support JRC operations. Thanks to all who attended, contributed, and helped!</p>
<p>XII. Sign up for gift giving, d'var, & snacks</p>	<p>Board members were encouraged to sign up.</p>
<p>XIII. Yasher Koach Corner</p>	<p>Board members recognized these individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leslie Schwartzman, who called Cantor Howard from the JFK tarmac as she was waiting to take off, when she read about a new medical treatment that could help a congregant. - Rabbi Don for promoting the Pomegranate Sculpture idea and for funding this from the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. - Juliet Berger-White and Terri Bernsohn for their gender inclusion presentation to the Board. - For the Strategic Planning Retreat: Cindy Aaronson , Mary Cohen, Sharon Diaz, Niquie Dworkin, Laurie Goldstein, Reese Gratch, Emily Harris, Todd Hasak-Lowy, Linda Kaskel, Diana McNelis, Barbara Pinzur, Bonnie Stern, David Tabak, Sheri Young <p><u>For the Crystal Ball's success:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-chairs: Sara Cohn, Barbara Pinzur - Committee Members: Stan Cohn (Tarot Card reader), Jen Dreller, Christine Duffy-Levy, Joan Dumser, Eva Eisenstein, Tamar Frolichstein-Appel, Reese Gratch, Darlene Grossman (graphics), Rebecca Hamlin (decorations), Carol Hirsh-Blechman, Linda Kaskel, Beth Lange, Vivian Mitchel, Jill Persin, Hannah Shearn (auction solicitation coordinator), Julie Shufro, Lauren Sklar, Edwin Smolevitz, Kate Spector, Rhonda Stein, Alisha Vincent (Tofino software coordinator), Margie Morrison Zivin - Emcees/auctioneers: David Tabak, Robin Trilling, Cantor Howard Friedland - Other Volunteers: Mary Jo Barrett, Robert Bearman, Terri Bernsohn, Michael Bloom, Nancy Cunniff, Terri Drews, Laurie Goldstein, Joel Gratch (underwriter solicitations), Freddi Greenberg, Ray Grossman, Bob & Linda Hewitt, Rich Katz, Robert Lange, Sheila Meyer, Bonnie Nolan, Lisa Pildes & Michael Sehr, David Pinzur, Rabbi Don & Fran Rossoff, Ann Schmidt (pianist), Bonnie Silverman (Tarot Card reader), Sandy Spatz, Julia Talbot, Adam Zletz - Staff: Sharon Diaz, Megan Baldishwiler, Bonnie Stern, Ernesto Vega, Roy Garcia, Louis LeBlanc

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tech Assistants: Josh Byster, Isaac Moldofsky - Teen Volunteers: Abe Frolichstein-Appel, Michaela Brooke, Shanti Polara, Ilana Baker, Gabriel Karsh, Samantha McNelis, Jesse Shufro-Zletz, Isaac Urow - Stop the Auction Solicitations: Joel Gratch, Freddi Greenberg - "I am JRC" Video: Mary Jo Barrett & Dennis O'Keefe, Julie Dorfman & Jerry Herst, the Jaffe family, Cantor Howard Friedland, Nina Raskin, Rabbi Rachel Weiss, Jill Persin, Josh Byster, Billy Kaplan, David Tabak
XIV. Good and Welfare	Items were shared.
XV. Next Meeting and Adjournment	The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2016.