

Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation

Board of Directors' Meeting

Date: November 7, 2018

Location: JRC - Rooms 210/211

Start Time: 7:30 pm

End Time: 9:57 pm

Item	Action
I. Welcome and Call to Order	
II. Blessings	
III. D'var	Presented
IV. Appoint Timekeeper	Appointed
V. Minutes from October 10 Board Meeting	Approved
VI. Consent Agenda A. Executive Director's Report B. Treasurer's Report C. Communications Report D. Administration Report E. Finance Committee Report F. Membership Committee (Kallah) Report G. Ritual Practices Report H. Email Vote on Motion for Public Recognition Opportunity 10-15-18 I. JRC as Sponsor of Chicago Candlelight Vigil for the Tree of Life Synagogue J. JRC as Sponsor of a Rally to Save Evanston City Services	<p>Consent agenda approved.</p> <p>The Board approved this motion via email vote: Donors who make monetary contributions at or above a threshold level determined by the Board for the combined Capital Campaigns, as a realized legacy gift or other monetary donations totaling at or above the determined threshold level, will be offered the opportunity to receive permanent public recognition on the outside grounds of the JRC property. The design of the permanent recognition will be in keeping with the values of the congregation and approved by the Board.</p> <p>The Board approved a decision by the JRC Tikkun Olam Leadership Team for JRC to be a co-sponsor of the Chicago Candlelight Vigil for the Tree of Life Synagogue, on October 30, 2018.</p> <p>The Board approved a decision by the JRC Tikkun Olam Leadership Team for JRC to be a co-sponsor of "Prioritize Our People: Rally to Save Evanston City Services," on October 29, 2018.</p>
VII. Update of Policies	The Board approved motions to rescind selected outdated policies and to accept non-substantive changes to selected existing policies to bring them in line with current language usage and organizational names and responsibilities.
VIII. Monthly Financials	Financial statements were reviewed. A one-time \$100,000 adjustment to the financial statements was made to reconcile an accumulated accounts receivable deficit discrepancy.

IX. Budget Process	The budgeting process for FY 2019-20 has begun; the budgeting timeline and parameters were reviewed.
X. Motion to Offer Permanent Name Recognition to JRC Donors	The Board approved a motion to reconsider the donor recognition motion approved in the 10-17-2018 email vote. The Board then approved a revised motion: Donors who make total monetary contributions for the combined Capital Campaigns and/or a realized legacy gift at or above a threshold level determined by The Board will be offered the opportunity to receive permanent public recognition on the outside grounds of the JRC property. The design of the permanent recognition will be in keeping with the values of the congregation and approved by The Board.
XI. Safety at JRC	JRC's emergency procedures were reviewed. A Security Committee is being formed to determine ways in which security at JRC can be improved.
XII. Engagement with Congregation	Activities were reported.
XIII. Yasher Koach Corner	<p>Board members recognized these individuals:  For the creation and launch of JRC's <i>Book Lost and Found: Embracing the Whole of Life</i>:</p> <p>Project Chair: Charlene Gelber. Project Assistant Chair: Marie Davidson. Editors: Marla Baker, Susan Cherry, Mel Furman, Carol Kanter, Rich Katz, Adrienne Lieberman. Advisors: Carol Friedman, Diane Melnick. Design and Production Manager: Darlene Grossman. Copyediting: Jim McGowan. Proof-reading: Jeff Balch.</p> <p>Book Authors: Ellen Alexander, Kyra Auslander, Marla Baker, Jill Berkley, Natalie Blaser, Carol Hirsh Blechman, Joel Blechman, Susan Cherry, Linda Chessick, Stan Cohn, Marilee Cole, Maple Conn, Marie Davidson, Jil Levin Deheeger, Ron Deitch, Eva Eisenstein, Carol Ellegant, Howard Ellegant, Gonzalo Escobar, Tessa Fischer, Laura Friedlander, Carol Friedman, Beverly Friend, Abe Frolichstein-Appel, Charlene Gelber, Cookie Gluck, Larry Goldberg, Jay Goldman, Laurie Goldstein, Andra and Maya Gomberg, Sallie Gratch, Darlene Grossman, Ray Grossman, Judith Helzner, Judy Holstein, Yehuda Ja-cobi, Arnie Kanter, Carol Kanter, Billy Kaplan, Esther Kaplan, Rich Katz, Rick Kulp, Robert Lange, Debra Lewis, Adrienne Lieberman, Lori Lippitz, Helga Low-Harper, Beryl Michaels, Irv Miller, Melissa Mizel, Celia Osborn, Nina Raskin, Ellie Routtenberg, Rebecca Rubin, Ann Schmidt, Elizabeth Klein Shapiro, Michael Shapiro, Hannah Shearn, Susan Siebers, Barbara Silverman, Jeany</p>

Soshnik, Susan Stone, David Tabak, Ellie Teweles, Diane Turner, Barbara Vertel, Laurel Watson, Lou Weiss, Helen Widen, Jim Zeck-hauser, Nancy Zwick.

Launch Party Readers: Hannah Shearn, Ellie Teweles, Irv Miller, Yehuda Jacobi, Joel Blechman, Kyra Auslander, Nancy Zwick, Melissa Mizel, Ron Deitch, Helen Widen, Andy Treffy (for Beverly Friend).

Launch Party Catering: Vickie Korey (Chair). Reese Gratch (Oversight). Donations, baking, set-up, serving, and/or clean-up: Carol Hirsh Blechman, Stan Cohn, Joan Dumser, Carol Ellegant, Tina Escobar, Charlene Gelber, Andra and Maya Gomberg, Sallie and Alan Gratch, Judith Helzner, Yehuda Jacobi, Mike Simon, Carol Kanter, Adrienne Lieberman, Helga Harper Low, Ann Goldberg, Larry Goldberg, Diane Melnick, Lisa Pildes, Rebecca Rubin, Michael and Elizabeth Shapiro, Helen Widen, Nancy Zwick, Karen Libman, Ann Bashook Leiner, Nina Raskin, Melissa Mizel, Eva Eisenstein, Darlene Grossman.

Launch Party Decorations: Marilee Cole (Chair), Darlene Grossman, Nina Raskin, Judy Holstein, Helga Low-Harper, Adrienne Lieberman, Rebecca Rubin, Carol Ellegant, Bryna Cytrynbaum. Adult Kallah Committee: Suzanne Saposnik (chair), Mindy Ferber, Linda Hewitt, Linda Mathias Kaskel, Joyce Lutoff.

Rosh Chodesh organizers for November: Kim Moldofsky and Linda Mathias Kaskel.

Racial Equity Book Fair organizers: Julia Tauber, Jen Jaffe, Jen Weiser, Rebecca Spivak, Nina Lynn, Karen Backe, Lisa Erlich-Menard, Tamar Frolichstein-Appel.

Adam Jaffe for coming to the Taste of JRC coffee and sharing his perspective with attendees. Others are encouraged to do this in the future.

Everyone who has supported JRC's many recent Tikkun Olam events.

Sharon Diaz, Rabbi Weiss, Cantor Friedland, Rabbi Eber, Sandy Spatz and other community members who stepped up and responded quickly on the day of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting.

Rabbi David Eber, who was sensitive to the needs of Religious School students for conversation and support on the Sunday morning after the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting.

Rabbi David Eber and Cantor Howard Friedland for

	<p>representing JRC at the prayer vigil at Beth Emet on October 28.</p> <p>Carol Friedman and Darlene Grossman for leading the November 3 solidarity Shabbat minyan.</p> <p>Abby Harris-Ridker and Kayla Ginsburg, JRC 3rd and 4th grade teachers, for their article Sunday School After Squirrel Hill: Resources and Reflection, published in Jewish Currents.</p> <p>The Evanston Police Department for their availability to JRC and their sensitivity in response to the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting.</p> <p>Stuart Chanen for his presentation on judicial evaluations at the November 2 Erev Shabbat post-service conversation.</p> <p>Rabbi Weiss for engaging and honoring new pre-K, kindergarten and 1st grade students at the November 2 Erev Shabbat service.</p> <p>JRC members attending the Reconstructing Judaism convention November 15-18: Rabbi Rachel Weiss, Rabbi David Eber, Cantor Howard Friedland, Sharon Diaz, Sandy Spatz, Elliot Frolichstein-Appel, Robin Trilling, Abby Harris-Ridker, Anne Wildman, Stan Cohn, Carol Ellegant, Howard Ellegant, Laurie Goldstein, Lou Weiss, Becca Sperling, Jonathan Markowitz, Ruth Wenger, Marla Baker, Rick Kulp, Jil Deheeger, Esther Kaplan, Justin Marshall.</p>
XIV. Sign up for gift giving, d'var, & snacks and membership assistance	Board members were encouraged to sign up.
XV. Good and Welfare	Items were shared.
XVI. Executive Session	
XVII. Next Meeting and Adjournment	The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2018.