

Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation

Board of Directors' Meeting

Date: November 8, 2017

Location: JRC - Rooms 210/211

Start Time: 7:30 pm

End Time: 9:46 pm

Item	Action
I. Welcome and Call to Order	
II. Blessings	
III. D'var	Presented
IV. Appoint Timekeeper	Appointed
V. Minutes from October 18 Board Meeting	Approved with corrections
VI. Consent Agenda A. Rabbi's Report B. Executive Director's Report C. JRC Press Update D. Report on Email Vote on Motion to Bring Founders of Achvat Amim to Speak at JRC	Approved. The Board approved a motion to host two speakers from Achvat Amim on November 9 at JRC for a presentation and discussion of their study abroad program, Israel-Palestine solidarity work, and how American Jews can support this work
VII. Monthly Financials/Capital Campaign	Financial statements were reviewed.
VIII. Strategic Planning Part II: Setting Board Goals for FY 2018	The Board discussed their top three goals for FY 2018.
IX. Vanderbilt Alternative Spring Break 2018 Housing	The Board discussed a proposal for JRC to provide lodging in our building for one week in March, 2018, for 12 students and 2 staff participating in a Vanderbilt University community service project.
X. Phonathon	Plans for and Board participation in the December Phonathon were discussed.
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: Fall Social Committee: Hannah Shearn (chair), Kirsten D'Aurelio, Melanie Becker, Rachel Waldinger, Pam Youngelman.

	<p>Becca Sperling and Maria Tolpin for coordinating a successful gun violence prevention phone bank in October, which was attended by 14 members who made phone calls to constituents in a key swing district.</p> <p>Sharon Diaz for suggesting the excellent idea of a sign-up for members to donate specific non-perishable food items for JRC's soup kitchens. For volunteering to donate items in the first round of the soup kitchen sign-up: Denise Eichhorn, Salli Berg Seeley, Eva Eisenstein, Robin Trilling, Ben and Diane Melnick, Debi Lewis, Marsha Richman, Maria Tolpin, Laurie Goldstein, Reese Gratch.</p> <p>Linda Cosby for coordinating JRC's Monday soup kitchen for many, many years; she is now stepping down from that role.</p> <p>Current soup kitchen coordinators Ann and Jackie Kaplan-Perkins, Rhoda Kamin, Candace Green, Steve Fox, Michael Sehr and Lisa Pildes for both managing their individual soup kitchens and working as a group to create a harmonious overall soup kitchen process at JRC.</p> <p>Emily Harris for leading the strategic planning session at the October Board meeting.</p> <p>Barbara Pinzur for being a phenomenal Board secretary.</p> <p>Rabbi Weiss for inviting all adult JRC members present at Shabbat morning services to come up to the bimah for an aliyah.</p> <p>Board members who attended services on Shabbat morning after Rabbi Weiss appealed to the Board to increase their participation.</p>
XIII. Good and Welfare	Items were shared.
XIV. Next Meeting and Adjournment	The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2017.