



General Board Meeting, April 28, 2019

Present:

Bernard Abramson	Bret Jacknow	Warren Mitlak
Gabrielle Bailey	Heidi Joseph	David Politziner
Randy Brett	Jeremy Kasdin	Abigail Rose
Rachael Cooper	Moshe Margolin	Ginger Schnitzer
Rabbi Adam Feldman	Kim Marks	Nicole Soffin
Judi Fleitman	Andrea Hoberman	Cantor Jeff Warschauer
Martha Friedman	Martinez	Sandy Wilson
Lew Gantwerk	Linda Meisel	
Helaine Isaacs	Linda Milstein	

Minutes:

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM
2. Linda introduced and welcomed Gabrielle Bailey who is the teen representative to the Board.
3. **D'var Torah**
Rabbi Feldman talked briefly about his just completed visit to Israel. He also discussed yesterday's attack at the Chabad of Poway, CA. Princeton Chief of Police Sutter contacted Rabbi Feldman as did the Hindu-Jewish Coalition and Nassau Presbyterian Church. He said that in addition to mourning the victim we must recognize the acts of heroism.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
The minutes of the March Board meetings were approved (Ginger abstained), see www.thejewishcenter.org/Resources/Board-Minutes.aspx.
5. **President's report** – Linda Meisel.
 - 5.1 Alison Politziner has been selected as Congregant of the Year. The selection committee was: Gil Gordon, Louise Sandburg, and Judi Fleitman.
 - 5.2 Lori Feldstein has been selected to receive the Richard B. Fishbane Leadership Award. The committee was: Marc Citron, David Greenberg, Nancy Lewis, and Alison Gaynor.
 - 5.3 The 70th anniversary event has already raised \$26,000, primarily from three generous families. Northfield Bank has contributed \$1,000 so far.
6. **2019-2020 Budget**
 - 6.1 Warren presented the draft budget. He thanked David Politziner for his help and for agreeing to present the budget at the annual meeting as Warren will not be present.
 - 6.2 The main changes in the budget are:
 - dues to increase by 1%

- security assessment will be \$150/household for the full year
- entries in the Book of Remembrance increased from \$20 to \$25
- Annual fund up \$5,000

6.3 After detailed discussion several motions were tabled and voted on:

- Motion to increase dues by 1%. Moved by Heidi Joseph, seconded by Moshe Margolin. Passed unanimously.
- Motion to set the security assessment at \$180 per household. Moved by Bret Jacknow, seconded by Randy Brett. For the motion 5 votes, against the motion 17 votes, abstentions 1. The motion was defeated.
- Motion to set the security assessment at \$150 per household. Moved by Helaine Isaacs, seconded by Moshe Margolin. For the motion 20 votes, against the motion 2 votes, abstentions 1. The motion was approved.
- It was suggested that the security assessment and the fee for entries in the Book of Remembrance should be stated as minimum requests.
- Motion to accept the budget as presented by VP Finance. Moved by Jeremy Kasdin, seconded by Randy Brett. Approved unanimously.

7. **VP Reports**

7.1. **Administration report** – Judi Fleitman, Martha Friedman, Sandy Wilson

- One senior couple has joined the shul.
- Communiversity was held this day. Sandy reported 3 pages of people signed up to receive e-mails from TJC. Several comments were received from young families about what they would like TJC to provide. Younger people said that they were looking for a Jewish institution to join where they could network.
- Randy thanked Cantor Jeff, Sandy, Linda Milstein, Gabrielle Bailey, and Andrea for the terrific efforts at the TJC Communiversity booth today.

7.2 **Education report** – Nicole Soffin

- The new vaccination policy has received positive feedback
- The new dismissal procedures are operating smoothly
- The replacement program for Tichon will be announced very soon. Some features:
 - a new name
 - 8th to 12th grade
 - 3 Wednesday and 1 Sunday session per month
 - each grade will have a theme for the year
 - higher grades will be prepared for college
 - some form of scholarship applicable to Jewish youth programs will be earned through cumulative attendance.

7.3 **Religious Affairs report** – Linda Milstein

- We have a speaker for Yom HaShoah. We are reaching the stage at which the next generation needs to take the burden of Shoah education.

8. **Other Business**

- The year's final Board meeting will be at 5pm on May 19 before the annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Minutes recorded by Bernard Abramson