

United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien
Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 10, 2016

Participants: Ellen Weber, Shoshana Dweck, Linda Gornitsky, Lorraine Kweskin, Peter Lilienthal, Lisa Manheim, Gary Schulman, Nancy Schulman, David Stein, Seth Tobin, Emily Wirgin

Participant via phone: Ricky Arbron

Staff: James Cohen, Gail Rauner, Rebekah Raz

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

Lorraine Kweskin gave the *d'var torah*, focusing on the Hebrew term *H'nani* (here I am).

Ellen Weber gave the presidents report, focusing on the following:

- Wonderful Super Sunday which took place on February 7. Kudos to all involved.
- March is chock-full-of important activities for the Board: Advisory Council (3/2), Shabbat Across Stamford (3/4) and Board Retreat (3/6). Marian Stern, the consultant who helped with the MAC and Governance processes will be leading the retreat.

James Cohen then gave the CEO report, focusing on the following:

- Trip to Los Angeles to attend the JFNA Board of Trustees Meeting and the Intermediate Executives Institute was productive. Discussions focused on reshaping FRD shop at JFNA, engaging younger donors, and supplemental giving.
- February 22 is a community wide "Stronger Together" program featuring former Rep. Chris Shays, co-sponsored with the Interfaith Council. This came about thanks to the discussions around establishing JCRC and thanks to hard work of Peter Lilienthal.
- JFNA mission to the UN on March 30. We already have three people signed up.
- 149 people already signed up for Shabbat Across Stamford

Rebekah Raz gave a review of Super Sunday, which took place on February 7 and raised approximately \$331,000. The student's coin collection is still on-going and the final total will be known next week.

Rebekah then presented the 2016 Campaign Plan (power-point presentation attached) and took questions regarding its specifics.

Gail Rauner presented the 2016 Marketing Plan (power point presentation attached) and took questions regarding its specifics.

Both plans were well received.

Gary Schulman then presented a revision of the 2016 budget, based on the budget cuts presented by James Cohen at the January 12 meeting of the Board of Directors. Gary presented his view that the cuts reflected were sufficient for the time being. Several Board members asked specific questions about specifics, particularly the decreased amount being spent on professional fees. Gary noted that the previous year's budget contained two audits (due to change in fiscal year) and that this year only required one.

Gary Schulman moved for the revised budget for 2016 (attached) to be approved. Lorraine Kweskin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

David Stein then moved for the approval of the minutes from the January 12 meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Lilienthal and approved unanimously.

Ellen Weber then called for the meeting to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Gary Schulman and approved unanimously.

The Board of Directors met in executive Session.

The Board of Directors came out of executive session and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Stein,
Secretary