



**Jewish Federation of
Ottawa Board of
Directors Meeting**

Summary of Discussion for
the community

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Board Meeting

In Attendance: Leila Ages, Kevin Barwin, Harold Feder, Jeff Laks, Marina Milyavskaya, Karen Palayew, Michael Polowin, Gillian Presner, Alice Retik, Ian Sherman, Evelyn Silverman and Marci Surkes.

Staff: Sarah Beutel, Pauline Colwin, Rena Garshowitz, Micah Garten and Mark Gruner.

Recorder: Sabrina Vitoriano.

I: Welcome – Ian Sherman

Ian welcomed Board members and called the meeting to order at 12:03pm. Ian expressed his sympathy to Andrea Freedman on the loss of her mother and appreciation to the executive team for their efforts at this delicate time.

II: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – Ian Sherman

Ian called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11th, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

Moved: Gillian Presner

Second: Leila Ages

Motion carried

III: Torah Day School of Ottawa Loan – Rabbi Idan Scher

Ian welcomed Rabbi Idan Scher to the meeting and started with a few comments regarding a potential loan to Torah Day School of Ottawa and invited Rabbi Scher to present.

Rabbi Scher highlighted some of the key points noted in the document circulated ahead of the meeting, emphasizing the urgency of this request.

The board had a fulsome and robust conversation regarding this request.

Ian thanked Rabbi Scher for taking his time to present to the board.

The board deferred a decision, pending further clarification on a number of issues.

IV: Grants & Evaluation Committee Report – Kevin Barwin

Ian asked Kevin Barwin to present the Grants & Evaluation Committee Report. Kevin summarized the content of the document, circulated ahead of the meeting. All questions posed by the board were answered to their satisfaction.

The board agreed that agencies will be notified that, at this time, the intention is to maintain the current level of allocations, subject to confirmation when the budget is set, and no motion is required at this moment.

Ian thanked Kevin for presenting the Grants & Evaluation Committee Report.

V: Finance Report – Mark Gruner

Ian invited Mark Gruner to present the Finance Report.

Mark highlighted some of the key points noted in the Financial Report, circulated ahead of the meeting, and answered questions from board members.

Ian thanked Mark for presenting the Finance Report.

VI: President's Report

In the absence of Andrea, Ian invited executive team members to provide an update to the report previously circulated to the board:

- The event “Combating Antisemitism with Jewish Pride” with Ben Freeman last night was well-attended with just over 100 people.

No questions were raised.

VII: Annual Campaign Report – Evelyn Silverman

Ian invited Evelyn Silverman to present an update on the Annual Campaign.

Since the last report, 2 of the 3 high value open cards mentioned in the President's Report were closed and, as of February 8th, Campaign 2023 is just under \$4.8 million.

Ian thanked Evelyn for the update and her remarkable work on the campaign.

VII: Good & Welfare – Ian Sherman

- Condolences to Randi & Ian Sherman on the loss of Stanley Goldstein Z”L.
- Mazel Tov to Camp B’nai Brith for its efforts in providing improvements on its facilities, including a brand-new gymnasium.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm.