



Jewish Federation of Ottawa
Board of Directors Meeting
Summary of Discussion for the Community

Monday, July 20th, 2020
Board Meeting

In Attendance: Kevin Barwin, Stacy Goldstein, Jessica Greenberg, Jeff Laks, Karen Palayew, Michael Polowin, Victor Rabinovitch, Nikki Shapiro, Jacob Shabinsky, Ian Sherman, Hartley Stern, Danya Vered.

Staff: Sarah Beutel, Pauline Colwin, Andrea Freedman, Susan Lee, Leslie Kaufman

Recorder: Cibebe Rosa

I: Welcome – Michael Polowin

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm.

Michael welcomed the Board members, particularly Jacob Shabinsky on the occasion of his first meeting. Then he asked all Board members and staff to introduce themselves.

II: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – Michael Polowin

Michael called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 27th and June 16th, 2020 Board of Directors meetings.

Moved: Nikki Shapiro

Second: Hartley Stern

Motion carried

III: Strategic Priorities: Tamir Request for Emergency Funding – Kevin Barwin

Michael invited Kevin Barwin, Chair of the Grants & Evaluation Committee, to present the Tamir Request for Emergency Funding. As the document was sent to the board in advance of the meeting, Kevin made a few comments and answered questions.

Notwithstanding the excellent work done by Tamir's leadership and staff in preventing outbreaks of COVID-19 in all of their residences, the committee declined the funding request for staff bonuses as it does not fit the objectives of the Emergency Fund.

Michael thanked Kevin and the committee for their work. He asked for a Motion to approve the Grants & Evaluation committee's recommendation that Federation NOT provide emergency support to Tamir for this purpose.

Moved: Kevin Barwin

Second: Danya Vered

Motion carried

Following the motion and vote, Hartley Stern suggested that Federation send a letter to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, expressing support for Tamir's efforts to secure the \$5.1M grant money that was awarded to them in 2018. Federation leadership agreed, and the letter will be sent.

IV: Hebrew Free Loan Association – Andrea Freedman

Michael invited Andrea Freedman to present the memo and lead the discussion. The memo was circulated to the Board in advance of the meeting.

Andrea provided a few pieces of new information that were discovered following the writing of the memo and answered questions to the board's satisfaction.

Michael thanked Andrea and asked for a Motion to make a donation to JFC-UIA with the donor directed gift.

Moved: Hartley Stern

Second: Victor Rabinovitch

Motion carried

V: President's Report – Andrea Freedman

Andrea noted the following updates:

- Discussions about a high school have begun with the Ottawa Jewish Community School and Torah Day School. This is not a Federation-led project. Federation is represented in these discussions by Andrea and Michael, with Ron Prehogan serving as the facilitator (given his role as chair of the Jewish High School Education Task Force in 2015).
- Both day schools are trending positively for the fall in terms of enrollment.
- Meetings regarding the distribution of funds from the Emergency Campaign with the 6 largest beneficiary agencies are in progress, and recommendations will be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

In-Camera Session

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm