



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

Tuesday, April 7, 2020
Board Meeting

In Attendance: Kevin Barwin, Harold Feder, Stacy Goldstein, Sender Gordon, Jessica Greenberg, Jeff Laks, Karen Palayew, Michael Polowin, Victor Rabinovitch, Ian Sherman, Hartley Stern, Danya Vered.

Staff: Sarah Beutel, Andrea Freedman, Micah Garten, Leslie Kaufman, Susan Lee.

Recorder: Cibebe Rosa.

I: Welcome – Michael Polowin

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm. Michael welcomed the Board members.

II: Emergency Allocations

Michael asked Kevin Barwin, Chair of the Grants and Evaluations Committee, to lead the discussion. The Emergency Allocation proposal and the related spreadsheet were circulated to the Board before the meeting and Kevin answered questions.

Michael thanked Kevin for his presentation, then he asked for a Motion to approve the recommendations of the Emergency Funds required as presented and circulated to the Board.

Moved: Kevin Barwin

Second: Danya Vered

Motion carried

III: Preservation of Capital Strategy

Michael invited Andrea Freedman to lead the discussion on the previously circulated memo which focused on preservation of capital strategies. This includes communicating with agencies that allocations may not be supported at previous levels, as this fall's Annual Campaign will be challenging.

Federation must meet with agencies to communicate the need to preserve capital and the fact that allocations may decrease. At the same time, with the assistance CIJA, help agencies avail themselves of every available government program. Federation will lead by example on both fronts.

This process will be painful and Federation will not be making across the board reductions, but acknowledging that there is a difference between core agencies (e.g. camp, schools, social services agencies and the Soloway Jewish Community Centre) and all others who add value to the community.

Michael thanked Andrea for her presentation then he asked for a motion to approve the Preservation of Capital Strategy.

Moved: Harold Feder

Second: Hartley Stern

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 pm.