



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

Summary of Discussion as a Report to the Community

Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Soloway Jewish Community Centre

In Attendance: David Appotive, Sharon Appotive, Harold Feder, Stacy Goldstein, Linda Kerzner, Steven Kimmel, Jason Shinder, Danya Vered, Lenora Zelikovitz

Staff: Sarah Beutel, Andrea Freedman, Leslie Kaufman, Arieh Rosenblum

Guest: Scott Goldstein

Recorder: Rachel Abenhaim

I: Welcome – Linda Kerzner

Linda Kerzner called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Linda welcomed the board and staff to the meeting. She announced the Members' meeting, an interfaith panel discussion, has been postponed to the fall to ensure maximum attendance.

Linda welcomed Scott Goldstein, Federation's Director of Community Development, here to support Harold in presenting the Grants & Evaluation report.

II: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – Linda Kerzner

Linda called for a motion to approve minutes from the April 26, 2017 Jewish Federation of Ottawa board of director's meeting.

First – Harold Feder

Second – Steven Kimmel

Motion carried.

III: Grants & Evaluation Committee Report - Harold Feder

Harold Feder reviewed the highlights from the circulated report. He explained that we are in the second year of the allocation cycle and the report highlights the outcomes from the review process of the funded agencies. Since all 33 programs funded met or exceeded the expected criteria, the committee recommended that the second round of funding be dispersed.

Harold informed the board of the formation of a subcommittee of the Grants and Evaluation committee that will focus on school funding. The subcommittee is still recruiting volunteers.

IV: School Funding Report – Sarah Beutel

Sarah briefly reviewed highlights from the report then focused on two recommendations for the board's approval.

- I. School Funding Envelope increase by \$4,500 for 2017/18, with the increase directed to Supplementary schools.
- II. In addition to Torah Day School's allocation from the School Funding Envelope, the school receives an additional \$20,000 grant in 2017/18 from the innovation fund, to assist with its ongoing unification efforts.

The board discussed funding around day schools. There was a consensus that there is a need for more funds in the education funding envelope, particularly for day schools.

Linda called for a motion to approve the recommendation for a \$20,000 1-time allocation from the innovation fund to Torah Day School for a mutually agreed upon purpose, and the addition of \$4,500 to the supplementary school envelope to respond to positive evolution in the schools.

First - Harold Feder

Second - Lenora Zelikovitz

One Abstention

Motion Carried

V: Strategic Plan Update & Donor Upgrade List - Andrea

Andrea provided the 3 year strategic plan update to the board. She reviewed the score card and highlighted that 90% of goals are achieved or fully achieved. Increasing corporate sponsorship and enhancing day school enrolment continue to be a challenge.

Andrea asked board members to consider reviewing the upgrade list to determine if they can help bring in any new or increased gifts.

VI: President's Report - Andrea Freedman

Andrea provided updates to the previously distributed report.

- Feedback on the Lion of Judah Day on Parliament Hill was extremely positive. It was an informative and interesting day, chaired by Aviva Ben-Choreen and Cheryl Dubrovsky.
- P2G Meetings took place in Calgary. Linda Kerzner, Barbara Crook and Andrea represented Ottawa.
- The sentencing hearing for the 2016 graffiti hate crimes incident is ongoing. Additional court dates have been scheduled in June. A cross section of community members have been attending the hearing.

VII: Budget Update – Sylvain Beaudry

Sylvain requested an extension on providing the 2017/18 budget. He explained that an interim budget would be presented at the next meeting to address salaries only and the full 2017/18 budget would be presented to the board in September. All questions were answered to the board's satisfaction. The board approved the extension.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm