

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MOBILE
AREA JEWISH FEDERATION, INC.**

October 11, 2021

The properly noticed meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mobile Area Jewish Federation, Inc. was held on October 11, 2021 at Ahavas Chesed Synagogue, Mobile, Alabama. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Co-President Larry Voit. Also present in person were Rabbi Edward Boraz, Rabbi Steven Silberman, Deborah Gurt, Sandra Grace, Rickie Voit, Michael Cohen, and Executive Director Cassie Morgenstern. Also present via Zoom teleconference were Ken Bloch, Priscilla Gold-Darby, Jonathan Fratkin, and Jeff Redisch.

Because the office of Secretary is vacant, the Co-President appointed himself as acting temporary Secretary for the meeting.

Each person in attendance individually affirmed his or her consent to electronic participation, and that he or she waives the right to require members to be physically present in order to count in a quorum, vote, or otherwise participate in the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is attached.

The D'var Torah was given by Rabbi Silberman.

It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 board meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was given by Ken Bloch. Please see the attached report. He reported that all approved allocations have been paid except for the \$34,000.00 allocation to JFNA. He anticipates that this will be completed by the end of October 2021.

New Business: Executive Director Cassie Morgenstern gave a report on the 2021 campaign. As of October 11, 2021, there are 64 donors who have pledged approximately \$49,600.00. This is better than the same time last year.

A question arose whether a donor may earmark a donation for a particular organization. The Co-President responded that any specific earmarking requests will be dealt with on an ad hoc basis by the Executive Committee.

Cassie Morgenstern gave a report on the status of the Young Family Committee, chaired by Co-President David Meola. An event at Seward Farm is planned for October 23, 2021. The Federation will pay the estimated cost of about \$325.00.

She also announced several events which are being planned:

October 28, 2021 there will be a Zoom call for larger donors. The speaker will be a JFNA speaker who will discuss the work done by JFNA and its associated agencies in Israel. All board members and donors of \$500.00 and above will be invited.

November 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Ivan Maisel will appear for a presentation and book signing sponsored by the Federation at Springhill Avenue Temple concerning his new book entitled "I Keep Trying to Catch His Eye."

November 21, 2021. The Federation will sponsor an Iron Bowl Tailgate. Representatives of the Auburn University and University of Alabama Hillels will be present. The event will be held at the Springhill Avenue Temple.

January 26, 2022. The Federation will sponsor an appearance by author Mark Oppenheimer who will make a presentation and discuss his new book "Squirrel Hill" which examines the aftermath of the Tree of Light Synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh in 2018. The venue is undetermined. There will be multiple religious organizations who will be co-sponsors.

December 17, 2021. The Israel volunteers sponsored by the Jewish Agency will be visiting in Mobile. We will want to involve them in community activities as best we can.

Mobile Jewish Film Festival: Rickie Voit reported that the film festival will be presented in January 2022. Films will be presented at multiple venues for in-person viewing and also online. The schedule is as follows:

January 13, opening film at Mobile Museum of Art
January 18, 19, 20 USA Laidlaw Auditorium
January 25, USA Fairhope Campus
January 27, Bernheim Hall
January 16, 23, 30, afternoon presentations at Synagogue and Temple

The Co-President announced that the Executive Committee will meet to review the Federations' Covid policy in light of the Covid policies in effect at the Synagogue and Temple.

The Co-President announced that the next board meeting will be held on December 13, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was thereupon adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence B. Voit
Acting Temporary Secretary

Date: 11-1-21