

**Jewish Federation & Foundation of Rockland County**

**Board of Directors**

**April 16, 2018 7:30 PM**

**Silverman Suite Jewish Community Campus Rockland NY**

**Attendance:** Lisa Green, Chair, Roberta Aaronson, Steve Cohn, Bert Distelburger, Steve Gold, Jeremy Ruberg and Bonnie Werk

Gary Siepser, CEO Rebecca Bannerman,

Guests: David Kirschtel and Janet Pollack

**Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion and second, the minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2018 were approved as distributed.

**Jewish Community Campus Update:** David Kirschtel and Janet Pollack informed the group about plans for the Campus to complete the fundraising for the campus which will eliminate the mortgage on the property. Over the past decade approximately \$25 million (including the old building) has been raised for the \$33 million program. The goal, while still under discussion, is to secure about \$8 million in this phase of the project. David thanked the Federation for its past support as well as the individuals on the board who have made individual commitments.

**Holocaust Museum Capital Request:** The group reviewed an earlier request from the Holocaust Museum for Federation's support of the approximately \$1,500,000 capital project. The group noted that the Museum has sought and received support from the Orange County Jewish Federation. Lisa reported that the Executive Committee had discussed the issue and recommended that the Board make a grant of \$50,000 over 5 years.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded: Resolved that Jewish Federation makes a grant to the Holocaust Museum and Center for Tolerance and Education in the total amount of \$50,000 to be paid in 5 annual installments of \$10,000 with the first payment made by June 30, 2018 and subsequent payments by June 30 each year. The

motion was adopted. (Carol Blau, Max Kaufman, Melinda Levin, Mat Schiering, Steven Schulman, Bob Silverman, Al Weiner and Alden Wolfe supported the motion by proxy.)

**Campaign Report:** Gary reported that the Annual Campaign is at about \$510,000 which is almost identical to last year at this time. However, there remain about 20 gifts over \$1,000 which must be closed to have a successful campaign.

**Finance Report:** Lisa reviewed the financial report which was distributed. She noted that Federation has not received payments on pledges and is in a low cash position. Upon review, comparing this year to the past year, this situation is the result of a very few donors having not paid on the same time-line as in the past. There is on-going conversation with the donors and payment is expected. However, local grants that were scheduled for payment by March 30 have not been paid. All other obligations are otherwise current. Lisa did note that expenditures are being held in check.

**Compelling Needs Grants:** Lisa reported that the Allocation Committee will be meeting soon. The Executive Committee has recommended that \$185,000 be budgeted for the committee to work with. This would be almost identical to the amount budgeted in the current year. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded: Resolved that \$185,000 be budgeted for local agency allocations in FY 2018-19. The motion was adopted.

**Life and Legacy Initiative:** Gary reported that a number of agencies and congregations have adopted resolutions indicating their desire to participate in the community endowment fund building initiative. He noted that this will strengthen the community's application for the matching funds Grinspoon Foundation program.

**Israel Journey:** Gary reported that 18 community members have registered and paid deposits for the October trip.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

