

The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County
Annual Meeting
6/11/23

Rissa called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

The singing of the National Anthem and Hatikvah were led by Lynne Arnold and Nava Herzog.

Rabbi Kohn gave the invocation speaking about our need to have the courage and vision to look forward and achieve our goals.

Rissa welcomed clergy present, representatives of JFS, the NJCC and community leaders.

The minutes of the 2022 annual meeting were approved.

Rissa thanked the staff. Sharon Ball was presented with a gift. She will be retiring after 22 years. Georgia will be starting her 32nd year. Pam Mason was introduced. She will be taking over Sharon's responsibilities.

Rissa thanked Kathy Wurster who will be stepping down as Zachor Director. We will miss her professionalism and dedication. Zachor has been extremely successful over the years of her tenure. Over 3000 students have already been reached so far this year.

Ben Nakagowa will volunteer to lead the teen program until he leaves for medical school.

Microgrants: There is \$7500 available for the year. Rissa thanked Steve Rubinsky for leading the growth of this important program.

Endowments and Life & Legacy has been chaired by Harvey Kallus.

Campaign: Our total efforts have decreased over time. We need to increase the donor base to have successful fundraising.

Upcoming Events: Federation Fun Day and Major Gifts.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Harmer thanked the endowment funders, New funds were established in 2022 and existing ones continue to receive donations. Allocations were given to camp scholarships, Jewish experiences, youth to Israel, microgrants, the JCC and JFS.

Both campaign and endowment funds have decreased and the stock market has declined.

An audit is underway and will be available this summer.

Election and Installation of board officers trustees:

David Ryder is transitioning to honorary trustee. Susan Notar is stepping down from the board and board secretary. Rissa thanked her for her years of service and for chairing zachor and community relations committees.

Nominations: Secretary: Ronit Meyerson

Treasurer: Jeff Harmer

President: Rissa Cutler

Trustees: Rob Lipkin, Elizabeth Frederick, Bill Cieplinski, Davida Kossar, Stephen Rubinsky, Jeffrey Rubin, Abbe Distelberger, Leslie Green, Betty Grossman, Joseph Herzog, Irv Kadesh, Gaye Miller, Rachelle Harmer

Volunteer of the Year Awards: Sharon Ball called up the volunteers from the many synagogue and community agencies who received this year's honor,

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Notar

Secretary