

United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 17, 2017

Attendees: Anne Liebergall, Arlene Rosen, Peter Lilienthal, Lauren Steinberg, Nan Gordon, Nancy Mimoun, David Fogel, David Stein, Ricky Arbron, Lorraine Kweskin, Linda Gornitsky, Shoshana Dweck, Rebekah Raz

Staff: Rebekah Raz, Lauren Steinberg

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

Peter Lilienthal presented the JCRC Update:

- JCRC functions as the public affairs arm of UJF
- Lauren reviewed the mission statement
  - Israel Focus – Israel Day Parade
  - Social Justice – 3square
  - Refugee and immigration reform
  - Alliances with interfaith community
  - Strong relationship with News Channel 12 and The Advocate
- Review of SCN program on May 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Security meetings with local Jewish agencies
- There was discussion about what the JCRC board was and it was decided that it would be an affinity group

Ricky presented the President's Message:

- Office is running smoothly in Jim's absence
- Office staff have created a sitting area, making use of furniture donations graciously provided by Shoshana Dweck
- Tapestry will become a program of the JCRC. There will be a focus on the community-wide mission to Israel in Spring 2018 at Tapestry as well as many Israel and JCRC type offerings. There will also be about ½ of the familiar offerings.
- Shabbat Across Stamford meeting was held with Rabbi TelRav and Linda Spilka. It was discussed to move SAS to a Saturday night Havdalah event as opposed to a Friday night Shabbat event
- Board of Rabbis will reconvene under the direction of UJF. Lauren will facilitate these meetings. It was suggested that Lauren do some research on what other Boards of Rabbis around the country look like, and see how Federations play an important role in those committees.
- JCC board recently met and has entered into discussions with UJF. A process will be set up to have ongoing discussions about communal issues / concerns.

- Ricky reported that she made a presentation regarding UJF and overseas allocations, focusing on Pluralism in Israel at the Temple Sinai service and board meeting, which included a presentation by JAFI
- Israel Mission Update

Campaign Report: see dashboard

Minutes from last month were considered. Several edits need to be made: Anne Liebergall moved to approve the minutes with edits. David Fogel seconded the motion. Minutes passed unanimously.

Request was made to the board to make payments on their pledges.

Added agenda item:

- Westport Collaboration, presented by Shoshana
- May have future opportunities together
- Ricky will distribute copies of the agreement to anyone who is interested
- June 11<sup>th</sup> is the Kosher Food Truck Festival in Westport

Other business:

- A question was raised about the CEO search. The transition committee was set to meet, but the search for the CEO was put on hold until the board knows what is happening with the new CEO of the JCC. Once a search committee is formed, Peter Lilienthal will be chairing it.
- Allocations update: synagogue and agency letters went out. Synagogues received their allocations checks
- A suggestion was made that Gail provide a brochure / slides at the next meeting to explain our message in an easy / understandable format. It was also suggested that board members be our liaisons to the various agencies.
- A suggestion was made that agencies should be invited to the beginning of UJF board meetings to make presentations. Also, it was suggested that we should do mini-missions or hold our board meetings at the various agencies we support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Schulman, Secretary