

Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation

Board of Directors' Meeting

Date: February 14, 2018

Location: JRC - Rooms 210/211

Start Time: 7:30 pm

End Time: 10:30 pm

Item	Action
I. Welcome and Call to Order	
II. Blessings / Covenant of Kavod Sicha	
III. D'var	Presented
IV. Appoint Timekeeper	Appointed
V. Minutes from January 10 Board Meeting	Approved
VI. Consent Agenda A. Rabbi's Report B. Executive Director's Report C. ECC Report D. Ritual Practices Report E. Religious School Update	Approved
VII. Monthly Financials	Financial statements were reviewed.
VIII. Motion for JRC Pride Parade Participation	The Board approved a motion for JRC to seek entry into the Chicago Gay Pride Parade on June 24, 2018, and every year thereafter until such time that one or more Board members would like to review JRC's participation or until such time (should it occur) that there is insufficient leadership among the JRC membership for effective participation.
IX. Solar Energy at JRC	Proposals were presented to add solar panels to JRC's roof, to switch existing interior fluorescent tube lights for LED tubes, and to replace JRC's parking lot lights with LED lamps and solar panels.
X. Budget	The first draft of a budget for FY 2019 was discussed.
XI. Capital Campaign Update	An update was provided on the Capital Campaign, the April 14 Birthday Bash gala, and the Purim Carnival.
XII. Sign up for gift giving, d'var, & snacks	Board members were encouraged to sign up.

<p>XIII. Yasher Koach Corner</p>	<p>Board members recognized these individuals: Linda Kaskel, Sandy Spatz, Robin Trilling, Sharon Diaz, Rabbi Weiss and Strategic Planning Committee members Sheri Young, Reese Gratch, Diana McNelis, Emily Harris, Ann Kaplan-Perkins, and Barbara Pinzur for organizing the February 11 Leadership Retreat. Julia Tauber for providing materials used in a group activity at the retreat and Sandy Spatz for bravely participating in that activity.</p> <p>Steve Romm, Todd Hasak-Lowy, Maria Tolpin, and Rabbi Weiss for organizing the Islam 101 adult education program and Hind Makki and Tahera Admad, the guest speakers.</p> <p>Lel Levin, Arnold Pritsker, David Tabak, Debi Lewis, Carole Kagan, Michael Shapiro, Bob Nachman, Todd Hasak-Lowy, Carrie Goldman, Rebecca Osborn, Abby Harris-Ridker, Josh Karsh, Rich Katz, Kyra Auslander, Jeff Berger-White, Carol Hirsh-Blechman, and Lou Weiss for tutoring B’nai Mitzvah students in 5778.</p> <p>Lisa Servidio for helping out with the family responsibilities for a congregant who had to go to the hospital.</p> <p>Beth Lange, Emily Harris, Laurie Goldstein and the Chesed team for organizing the shiva for Sy Frolichstein.</p> <p>Nina Litoff for publishing the weekly newsletter.</p> <p>Jerry Herst for his research on solar energy.</p>
<p>XIV. Good and Welfare</p>	<p>Items were shared.</p>
<p>XV. Executive Session</p>	<p>JRC’s Religious School director Terri Bernsohn has, for personal reasons, tendered her resignation effective June 30, 2018.</p> <p>Outside of Executive Session, the Board approved a motion authorizing JRC’s president to (1) convene a search committee for a successor to the Religious School director, (2) in so doing explore the possibility of hiring an assistant rabbi for that position whose primary focus would be education and congregational learning, and (3) take whatever other action is necessary to pursue a successor.</p>
<p>XVI. Next Meeting and Adjournment</p>	<p>The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2018.</p>