

Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation
Board of Directors' Meeting

Date: January 11, 2017

Location: JRC - Rooms 210/211

Start Time: 7:30 pm

End Time: 9:43 pm

Item	Action
I. Welcome and Call to Order	
II. Blessings	
III. D'var	Presented
IV. Appoint Timekeeper	Appointed
V. Minutes from December 14 Email Board Meeting	Approved
VI. Consent Agenda A. Rabbi's Report B. Executive Director's Report C. Financial Report D. Installation Wrap-up	Approved
VII. Financial Development	Updates on recent fundraising events and the April 29 "JRC in Bloom" gala were presented.
VIII. Plenum	A motion passed by the Reconstructionist movement to launch an Israel Joint Commission was discussed.
IX. January 21st March for Women's Rights	The Board passed a motion that JRC will be a participating group of the January 21 Women's March on Chicago.
X. JCUA Synagogue Partnership Motion	The Board passed a motion that JRC is willing to be a synagogue partner to the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs.
XI. Motion to Sponsor Empowering the Diverse Community Event 1/29/17	The Board passed a motion that JRC will be a sponsor of the Empowering Our Diverse Community event on January 29 at the Muslim Community Center, Morton Grove.
XII. Sign up for gift giving, d'var, & snacks	Board members were encouraged to sign up.

XIII. Yasher Koach Corner	<p>Board members recognized these individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sheri Young, Mary Cohen, Diana McNelis, Reese Gratch, Emily Harris for organizing the two Strategic Planning Leadership Training workshops in December. - JRC Ambassadors during the fall/winter membership drive: Barbara & Jerry Israelite, Bruce Kaskel, David Tabak, Denise Eichhorn, Gerry Davidson, Julie Dorfman, Hannah Gelder, Charlene Gelber, Hannah Shearn, Kate Spector. - Elliot Frolichstein-Appel for leading a Havdalah service for the 6th grade families in December. - Sami Lewis (daughter of Debi & David), Nate Frolichstein-Appel (son of Elliot & Tamar), and Celia Osborn (daughter of Jason & Rebecca) for working as greeters at the front door, wearing the official JRC greeter badges. - Miriam Berkson, daughter of Laura Friedlander, for graduating from the Diller Teen Fellowship, a selective, immersive leadership program for Jewish 10th and 11th graders. - David Blechman, son of Carol & Joel, for leading a Reconstructionist Birthright trip to Israel. - Josh Kulp, son of Rick Kulp & Marla Baker and co-owner of Honey Butter Fried Chicken, for declaring his establishment as Chicago's first designated "sanctuary restaurant", a safe place for immigrants, Muslims and other communities under potential threat. - All who assisted with Rabbi Weiss' installation weekend; especially Joel Gratch for fundraising and Vickie Korey for organizing the events. The names of all volunteers, staff, and vendors were acknowledged in the January newsletter.
XIV. Good and Welfare	Items were shared.
XV. Executive Session	
XVI. Next Meeting and Adjournment	The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2017.