

Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation
Board of Directors' Meeting

Date: October 16, 2019
Start Time: 7:30 pm

Location: JRC - Rooms 210/211
End Time: 9:16 pm

Item	Action
I. Welcome and Call to Order	
II. Blessings	
III. D'var	
IV. Appoint Timekeeper	Appointed
V. Minutes from September 11 Board Meeting	Approved
VI. Consent Agenda A. Rabbi's Report B. Cantor's Report C. Executive Director's Report D. Treasurer's Report E. VP Education Report F. Tikkun Olam Task Forces Report G. Strategic Planning Report H. Leadership Development Report I. Board Email Vote on Bookkeeping Provider J. Tier 1 Decision to (i) Sign a letter supporting regulations for the IL Gun Dealer Certification Law, (ii) Sponsor NAACP (Evanston/NorthShore Branch) 2019 Freedom Fund Banquet, (iii) Sign a legislator letter supporting IL Gun Safety Law	Approved The Board approved a motion to provide The Office Grapevine, JRC's current bookkeeping provider, with a 30-day notice of termination as required under our agreement and at the same time enter into a new agreement with Kesef Accounting Service. The Board approved JRC to: (i) Sign a letter to the Illinois State Police supporting proposed regulations in the 2019 Gun Dealer Certification Law that will allow the Illinois State Police to monitor the activities of gun dealers that are frequently overlooked by federal regulators from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. (ii) Be a sponsor of the NAACP (Evanston/NorthShore Branch) 2019 Freedom Fund Banquet on November 16, 2019. (iii) Sign a letter to Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker and Senate President John Cullerton requesting a meeting between them and Illinois Gun Violence Prevention Coalition representatives to discuss a plan to secure enactment of SB 1966 (BIO Bill) during the legislative veto session convening on October 26, 2019.
VII. Monthly Financials	Financial highlights were reviewed. Income from dues and total membership count (406 households) are similar to last year. Religious School and Early Childhood enrollments are lower than last year. Sixteen students, which include 13 new families, are signed up for Religious

	School's Taste of JRC. Kesef Accounting Service is working with JRC on the transition to their service.
VIII. Board Goal Progress	To document active support of Board Goal 3 (Membership Engagement Commitment) and Board Goal 4 (Volunteer Engagement Commitment), Board members each shared one or two things they will do between now and the next Board meeting.
IX. Brainstorm Names for D'var Tutors	The Board is seeking additional member volunteers to be paired with B'nai mitzvah students to help get them started on writing their d'verei torah.
X. Sign up for Gift Giving, D'var, Snacks	Board members were encouraged to sign up.
XI. Yasher Koach Corner	<p>Board members recognized these individuals:</p> <p>All those who helped with the High Holidays.</p> <p>Rabbi Weiss and Cantor Friedland for ten-plus days of very meaningful and moving High Holidays.</p> <p>Pastor Grace Imathiu of First United Methodist Church, Evanston, for her remarks at Erev Rosh Hashanah services.</p> <p>Marla Baker for coordinating the open mic reflections on Yom Kippur, which were very organized and flowed well.</p> <p>Lou Weiss for turning JRC's ark into a giant jigsaw puzzle, an activity on Yom Kippur afternoon that will be completed at future events.</p> <p>Tamar Frolichstein-Appel for helping Debi Lewis handle her tallit on Rosh Hashanah second day services.</p> <p>Deb Drache for hosting two newer JRC families at her house for Rosh Hashanah lunch.</p> <p>Julia Tauber for all that she does for her family to allow Rabbi Weiss to do her job over the High Holidays.</p> <p>Rich Katz for wrestling with the sound system in the sanctuary, even from afar, and for righting the chuppah hanging before the start of Kol Nidre services.</p> <p>Debi Lewis for coordinating B'nai Mitzvah d'verei torah tutors.</p> <p>Linda Mathias Kaskel for setting up a template and video email communication for the Capital Campaign.</p> <p>David Tabak for exploring growing building rentals as part of a membership engagement and fundraising brainstorming initiative.</p> <p>Jonathan Markowitz and Elliot Frolichstein-Appel for</p>

	<p>negotiating with and transitioning to Kesef Accounting Service.</p> <p>Sharon Diaz for all she has done for JRC as Executive Director.</p>
XII. Good and Welfare	Items were shared.
XIII. Executive Session	Outside of Executive Session, Sharon Diaz announced to the Board that she will be retiring at the end of her contract, in June 2020, after ten years as JRC's Executive Director. She will work with leadership to facilitate a smooth transition. Elliot Frolichstein-Appel will appoint a task force to search for her replacement.
XIV. Next Meeting and Adjournment	The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019.