

UVJC Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
5/3/2016
7:00 pm – Roth Center for Jewish Life

Present: Sue Berg, Bill Brown, Felixa Eskey, Lori Hirshfield, Robyn Jacobs, Deb Kaplan, Rachel Kleinbaum, Jeff Lubell, Laura Rosenthal, Rusty Sachs, Lynn Schwartz, Robert Shumsky,

Regrets: Richard Abel, Gloria Finkelstein, Stephen Woloshin

Ex-Officio: Rabbi

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** by Deb Kaplan at 7:06 PM
 - a. Annual Dinner (May 15)
 - i. In past, dinner 90-100 people attended; currently 45 have purchased tickets. Is the low response rate due to not sending paper invitations this year? Invitation will be emailed again to members
 - b. Second night seder (April 23) - Attended by approximately 50 members
2. **Education Director Update** (Ellen Rockmore – chair, search committee)
 - a. Position advertised electronically approximately 4-5 weeks ago
 - b. 3 external and 3 internal resumes received
 - c. May consider resending ad to members and beyond
 - d. Committee is in the process of interviewing - will report to the BOT with recommendations
 - e. Thanks to Ellen and the rest of the committee (Rabbi, and Lori H.) for their efforts
3. **Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the BOT meeting 3/2/16**
 - a. Minutes were incorrectly dated – Approved with correction of the date.
4. **High Holiday school board letter**
 - a. Rabbi will finalize and send to SAU70 and other school districts within the UVJC catchment area
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Financial statements were circulated just before the meeting: P&L looks fine – income is similar to last year, expenses lower (due to Ed Director salary)
 - b. Anticipate break-even at end of current fiscal year. Rough projections into next year anticipate a deficit of approximately 13K and need to be reviewed.
 - c. Investment fund – moving forward slowly
 - d. Grad Student membership category – to be reviewed by finance committee
6. **Social Action/UVIP (Carolyn Gordon – Chair, Social Action committee)**
 - a. Reviewed history of UVJC association with Upper Valley Interfaith Project- Carolyn currently serves as UVJC representative. Other UVJC members involved in specific UVIP projects.
 - b. Some UVIP projects are political and promotion through the UVJC has led to negative feedback from some UVJC members.
 - c. Promotions of projects/events in the UVJC weekly update, like all other notices, will be limited to 50-100 words with links for those interested in further information
 - d. E-mail sub-lists can be created so membership can self-select to remain informed about specific issues.

7. Lunch and Learn

- a. The UVJC was asked to host a lunch and learn to highlight IsraAID – an Israeli organization working globally to support refugees. Approved for June 18: talk to be informational.

8. Slate of Officers 5777

- a. Nominating committee (Rich Abel, chair) presented the following slate to the BOT. The slate was approved unanimously.

Executive Members

- i. President: Rusty Sachs
- ii. 1st VP: Laura Rosenthal
- iii. VP: Jeff Lubell
- iv. VP: Rob Shumsky
- v. Treasurer: Bill Brown
- vi. Secretary: Open [post-meeting—Sue Berg]
- vii. Immediate Past President: Deb Kaplan

New BOT Members

- viii. Thomas Cochran
- ix. Deb Callaghan
- x. Matthew Henken

- b. Lori, Rich and Deb will be retiring from the BOT following 6 years of service.

9. By-laws changes

- a. Discussion regarding changing by-laws to require co-presidency. No recommendation to make changes.
- b. Education committee: modification of bylaws to reflect changes in the structure and function of the Education Committee (as documented in the 11/3/2015 BOT minutes) will be presented to the membership for approval at the annual meeting.

10. Dartmouth College Update

- a. Jason Crance (legal counsel) reviewed the MOU and lease. A meeting with Dartmouth College is scheduled this week to review details.

11. New Member Report (Lynn Schwartz)

- a. One potential family and one new family.

12. Additional Items

- a. Valley News weekly box ad – cost \$214/month. No significant return. To be discontinued. We should get our events in the free weekly listings.
- b. Upcoming events for the next week were reviewed.

13. Adjourn 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Robyn Jacobs
Secretary