

NCJW Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Present: Susan Schwartz, Rona Sterling, Gail Siegel, Sarah Korn-Rothschild, Sue Deitch, Rita Young, Merle Bassin, Lynne Eisman, Sandi Winnick, Dianne Goldin, Sharon Hotchkiss, Judy Traub, Sandy Kaltman, Debbie Mendelson, Robin Sambur, Laurie Alexander, Cathy Einhorn, Ruth Zalaznick

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM.

Approval of Minutes August 4: One correction (Treasurer's Report): **Motion to approve the ~~minutes~~ Treasurer's Report by Sue Deitch and seconded by Nadine Kaplan**

Motion to approve the amended minutes by Merle Bassin and seconded by Dianne Goldin.

President's Report: Sue Schwartz asked for additional Group Norms

1. Gail Siegel: Make a phone call rather than an email or text.
2. Linda Finkelstein (read by Rona S.): Give verbal encouragement to volunteers even for small accomplishments.
3. Dianne Goldin: Please show up and support fellow Board Members at their events.
4. Sarah Rothschild: Support each other, give positive suggestions, learn to delegate and share responsibilities.

Susan read letters from three recipients of 2021 section awards. They were from Merle Bassin (President's award), Donna Fishman (Tikkun Olam) and Elizabeth Harrison (Outstanding volunteer). Sharon Hotchkiss (President's award) spoke of her joy at receiving this honor. Merle and Sandi Winnick will shop for the awards and Merle will arrange to have last seasons and this seasons awards delivered to the recipients. In addition, Susan read a letter from Darnise Simon, one of the recipients of the Alk Nursing Scholarship.

Treasurer's Report: Sophie was out of town so the September and October reports will be reported at the next meeting.

Human Trafficking: Judy sent letters and packets to the Rabbis and executive directors of 2 local Synagogues offering them our program and access to our power point presentation. Merle will contact Temple Beth Am and Sharon will contact Temple Israel. Please contact Judy if you belong to a Temple and can contact the Rabbi there. Elizabeth Harrison is reaching out to the Elders of Church groups to see if we can connect with the Afro-American community. Judy will arrange to have the power point presentation sent to board members.

Our section was represented at the Women's Rally for abortion rights.

Judy received a letter from Marilyn Muniz of the Lord's Place thanking NCJW for our Dignity Bag donations to homeless women.

KCC: Sarah and Sue visited Pleasant City Elementary School. There is a new principal. The KCC closet was moved into a locked hallway and is better organized so clothing was ordered. Sarah and Sue will pay another visit to be sure their rules are being followed. Sue informed us that prices are going up in January and each item will be increased by 50 cents.

Sarah and Sue are having a meeting with the new (8!) and "old" volunteers on November 11. It will either be in person or on zoom.

Sarah suggested getting pins that say "NCJW Volunteer" for the members that will be going into the schools. This led to a major discussion which was tabled until the next meeting so that Merle can check on prices. The pins would be given to all NCJW volunteers who work at venues that are in the public eye.

Linda is applying for a \$10,000 grant from Allegheny Ministries. Sarah asked that it be distributed to all of our programs that use feminine hygiene products.

Membership: Lynne suggested that VP's and Chairs submit to her a list of the volunteers that represent NCJW in the public eye. She wants to make sure that they are members in good standing. This led to another major discussion as to whether or not these volunteers have to meet that criteria. If so, can they work for 1, 2 or more times before becoming members? Volunteers who make sandwiches or supply Soup for the Soul would not be included. Debbie suggested sending those volunteers thank you notes along with membership applications.

Susan tabled the discussion and said that she would meet with Rona S. and Linda and bring their thoughts to the next meeting.

Lynne expressed her concern that 200 members have not rejoined. Something must be done to remedy this problem

Administration: Merle and Sandi will shop for the awards and Merle will announce the recipients in the newsletter.

Special Events: Registration for the Watson event will be going out soon. It will be on Zoom.

Breaking Bread: Debbie reiterated that the Lewis Center needs volunteers to help sort through donated clothes.

Soup for the Soul: Laurie told us that Deborah Morgan of Palm Beach Harvest is looking into having volunteers from the Salvation Army help with this project. It is important that this remains an NCJW project.

National Initiatives: Dianne reminded us that the new session for the Supreme Court started on Monday. She will be getting briefings from Jody Rabhan, Policy Officer for NCJW, Inc. Dianne is hoping that Sheila Katz will meet with us since her mom is in SE Florida.

Dianne is going to find out if there is a need to fill out paperwork before we can visit lawmakers in District offices.

Advocacy: Robin is very concerned that the registration for the webinar on Racial Equity in the U.S. on October 20th is very low. Advocacy is a large component of NCJW and she is hoping that our Board will take an interest and sign up soon. We are collaborating with the Palm Beach Urban League and it will look pretty bad if our attendance at this webinar is poor.

Robin is asking for volunteers to help at the GET THE THREE V's event on October 24. All the information is in her Board report.

A special welcome to Sandy Kaltman, one of our newer members. She is chairing our Anti-Semitism/Anti-Hate initiative. The first event will be on January 13th.

Let's Do Lunch, Membership Retention, Dignity Project, Heads Smart and Villaggio had nothing new to add to their Board reports.

Ruth Zalaznick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10AM. Seconded by Lynne Eisman. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be on November 3rd.

Respectfully submitted by Gail Siegel

