

NCJW MINUTES 2/7/18

Meeting was called to order by Joanne Sininsky at 9:40am.

Those in attendance: Linda Finkelstein, Laurie Alexander, Sharon Hotchkiss, Nadine Kaplan, Judy Traub, Marlene Grupman, Amy Lieberman, Carol Lubin, Janet Fabricant, Gail Siegel, Sarah Rothschild, Susan Glabman, Ruth Zalaznick, Rona Sterling, Diane Wortman, Linda Geller-Schwartz, Merle Bassin, Joanne Sininsky, Sarajane Feinsilver, Rita Young, and Lynne Eisman.

PRESIDENTS REPORT – JOANNE SININSKY

Joanne said the first audit for 2017 will happen in June 2018. There is a National Leadership in St. Louis the first weekend in June. NCJW will subsidize airfare and lodgings for anyone who wants to attend. Please let Joanne know if you plan to attend. Joanne thanked everyone who was working on the big event and is looking forward to its success.

TREASURER'S REPORT- GAIL SIEGEL

There was no report as Sophie is still away.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – GAIL SIEGEL

Gail will put the nominating slate out to membership on 2/21. Please get back to her with comments. It will be distributed to all members for vote in March and by mid-March the slate will be done. See below for the proposed slate.

NCJW Palm Beach Section Proposed Slate of Officers 2018-2019

President:	Rona Sterling
Immediate Past President:	Joanne Sininsky
Honorary President:	Phyllis Schaffer
Administration VPs:	Marlene Gropman, Susan Glabman
Advocacy VP:	Marilyn Klompus
Communications VP:	Rona Goldstein
Community Outreach VPs:	Loe Goldwasser, Harriet Wasserman
Corresponding Secretary:	Merle Bassin
Fundraising/Special Events VP:	Linda Finkelstein
Homeless VPs:	Diane Wortman, Sharon Hotchkiss
KCC VPs:	Sarah Rothschild, Sue Deitch
LIFT VP:	Judy Traub
Membership Financial VP:	Lynne Eisman
Membership Recruitment/Retention VP:	Laurie Alexander
Recording Secretary:	Nadine Kaplan
Treasurers:	Sophie Berkner, Gail Siegel
Directors:	Helene Askinazi, Janet Fabricant, Amy Lieberman, Carol Lubin, Susan Schwartz, Ruth Zalaznick

Once it's voted on, it's a done deal. Marilyn Klompus was highly recommended by Linda G-S for Advocacy and will be a wonderful addition.

Motion: Gail Siegel made a motion to approve the proposed slate of Directors and Officers for 2018-2019. Ruth Zalaznick seconded the motion. All were in favor.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – CAROL LUBIN

HOLIDAY BASKETS – FREDI GROVE

Carol said we have to vote on additional funds of \$1900 for 38 Holiday Baskets so Fredi can go ahead and buy product. It was brought up that the Nora Seligman family donated \$3000, \$2000 of which was set aside for the Holiday Baskets. We had budgeted \$2500 because of this donation.

Motion: Gail S. made a motion to approve increasing the holiday basket budget by \$2000 (to \$4500), using the donation from the “Grossman” Fund. The motion was seconded by Carol Lubin. All were in favor.

Carol then informed us that Fredi resigned as Historian and that we need to find a new one. It was suggested to post the position in the NCJW Newsletter for a volunteer.

There was again much discussion about what really needs to be saved and archived. Rita Young mentioned that she gave all of her archived items to the Jewish Museum in Miami. The question arose if we still want to continue doing this. Joanne S. feels that this can be done digitally which of course will depend upon the skill level of volunteers. She believes that we should save one paper copy and digitize the rest. Merle Bassin suggested storing archives in the Cloud which becomes permanent and is a safe way to store information as it's not going to “blow up”. Judy Traub thinks hard copies are great because it's tangible. Perhaps we can get a scrap-booker to do this.

READERS THEATER – LOE GOLDWASSER

Loe received a letter saying that the kids loved the Program and that the Media Specialist is thrilled with the Program and our volunteers as well.

SPECIAL EVENTS – LINDA FINKELSTEIN

SIGNATURE EVENT – WOMEN IN POWER – NADINE KAPLAN & MARLA SHAINMAN

Linda reported that everything is going well. We have over 438 guests attending. We hope to have a couple of dignitaries as well as school board members in attendance. Nadine reported that seating arrangements are challenging as there is an additional backroom and hoped the Board would understand how difficult it is to seat everyone democratically.

AMBASSADOR WINE & CHEESE EVENT – LAURIE ALEXANDER

It was wonderful and exciting to see so many new faces. Approximately 40 attended, made up of twenty-two new members, Board members, & Ambassadors. There were new nametags for the Ambassadors, and they will be used for the WIP Event. Every Board member who presented did a great job and we had many new members sign up for specific committees. Ruth Zalaznick complimented Laurie on organizing this event and said when we get new members we now have something to offer them. It was a total success. Joanne S. commented that this day was successful and one of the reasons we are honoring Laurie. Merle brought Laurie in and NCJW has been brought to a new level due to her involvement.

CANASTA TOURNAMENT –

The Canasta Tournament is 2½ months away, on Tuesday, 4/17 at The Falls. The cost is \$60 per player. The decision is not to have it on PayPal, and registration cannot be done online.

WOMEN’S SEDER – GAIL SEIGEL

This event is March 14th, and we are starting to fill up. It is being held at the Villaggio Social Hall, begins at 5:15pm, and costs \$45 per person.

ADVOCACY REPORT - LINDA GELLER-SCHWARTZ

Linda G-S highly suggests that we all see a film titled, “I am Jane Doe” if we have a chance. It was co-sponsored by NCJW and speaks to sex trafficking of children in the U.S. This film was shown on 1/17.

Linda recently traveled to Tallahassee and visited with all of our Legislators and their Aides. This was a significant step in the increasing influence of NCJW with our state legislators.

NCJW is part of the Florida Hate Crimes Coalition actively trying to get a bill that would amend the current Florida Hate Crimes Statute to include gender, gender identity and physical disability.

Linda is very excited about Marilyn Klompus coming on board. She is a new member who is very engaged and passionate about Advocacy. Linda reminded us about the “What Would Queen Esther Do? Taking on Sexual Harassment”, scheduled for Monday, 2/26 from 12pm-1:30pm. There are very few people registered. She would like to see more.

On 3/31, there is a Program, “Moving Forward” intended to reach all generations, from 5-7pm.

Linda spoke about the Second Chances Campaign which she brought up previously. She informed us that there is still work to be done on Amendment #4 on the ballot.

Gail Siegel informed us that Lois Frankel is coming to speak at Villaggio and is a NCJW member. There was some discussion about whether this was appropriate given Lois Frankel’s political/social views.

KIDS' COMMUNITY CLOSET (KCC) – SARAH ROTHCHILD

Nothing to report.

LIFT – LINDA KABLER

Linda was happy to report that Sarajane is still working with battered women. Sarajane informed us that she gave out 45 suitcases, and she herself provided gifts for kids at Christmas and Hannukah time. She appealed to us for any household items, sheets, pillow cases, suitcases, dishes, etc. to help these women. Several brought up in the past that Travel Pro has given us refurbished suitcases. Sarajane said that she contacted them and got no response this year.

COMMUNICATIONS – RONA STERLING

The Newsletter will come out shortly. Rona apologized and said that she was late due to the immense amount of work needed to make the WIP Event a success. Rona also reported that the Tech Workshop was successful. She is hoping that all Events will be on PayPal. She let us know that anything on the website, automatically goes to Twitter and Facebook.

MEMBERSHIP – LYNNE EISMAN

Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATION – MARLENE GROPMAN & SUSAN GLABMAN

Installation will be on 4/18, from 11am-2pm at Wycliffe. The cost is \$28, but they are charging only \$15/attendee as NCJW is subsidizing the event. There is no flyer yet.

NEW BUSINESS

None to report.

OLD BUSINESS

The subject came up about who should get a Tribute Letter vs. a Card vs. a Certificate. Those that get a Card are obviously for Birthday, Anniversary, Sympathy, etc. Meryl B. brought up that people are not thrilled about with our one type of Card. For thought, other organizations have colored cards for various purposes. Ruth Z. informed us that Bergen County Chapter of NCJW, where she is from, makes a lot more money on their Tribute Cards than we do. Joanne S. feels we should have a couple of options which are more decorative and better designed. Laurie A. agreed and feels this could be a huge money maker and that a group should be formed to make new ones. Joanne S. wants to copy the PAP Corp. Birthday Card Program once she completes her presidential term.

Rona S. brought up the fact that she received many RSVPs for the WIP Event from non-members. Linda F. said that at one time they talked about differential pricing for members vs. non-members. This will be considered for future events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD & WELFARE

Diane Wortman very proudly told us that her son is on the Board for "Aging out of Foster care."

The next Board Meeting is 3/7/18.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05am.