

MINUTES OF NCJW BOARD MEETING
APRIL 10, 2019
TRADITION AT MORSE

Attendance: Rona Sterling, Rona Goldstein, Susan Deitch, Sarah Rothschild, Gail Siegel, Sophie Berkner, Marlene Gropman, Merle Bassin, Diane Wortman, Susan Schwartz, Loe Goldwasser, Helene Askinazi, Linda Finkelstein, Judy Traub, Caren Freigenberg, Cathy Einhorn, Debbie Mendelson

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 by President, Rona Sterling. March's minutes were approved.

In reporting on Washington Institute, Rona S. noted that some Sections give gift memberships, as ours did awhile back. Since we have grown by over 100 new members this year, Judy Traub motioned, **I move that Section Board members be able to give one gift membership a year. Additional gift memberships can be given with the approval of the Board. Seconded by Rona Goldstein.** The motion was tabled after discussion.

Rona noted that 17 Israeli women were represented at the Institute. Brian Mast was positive on gun control as was Ted Deutch.

Our next meeting is May 1, followed by Sept. 11.

May 4 is Haitian American Culture Day in Delray. We are among sponsors, having given \$150.

The new CEO of NCJW is Sheila Katz.

Advocacy--Caren Freigenberg reported on Tallahassee Days where members met with 15 people in 2 days and discussed such topics as gun control, human trafficking, equal rights and anti-Semitism. Rick Roth (Rep.) proposes 1000 hours of training for guns on campus. Brian Mast considers himself a Libertarian but opposes abortion. Nicki Freed, sec'y of Agriculture is responsible for giving out concealed weapons permits.

Special Events (Linda Finkelstein)--Considering changing name of WIP to be held Feb. 28 at Mirasol as there will be an Advocacy Speaker because of the 100 year anniversary of the 19th amendment (right for women to vote.) Susan Schwartz and Gail Gelber are chairs. Lauren Hersh (an attorney) and chair of World Without Exploitation (70 organizations belong like NOW and UNICEF) will be the speaker. Her fee is airfare and a donation to her organization.

Profits from the canasta tournament was over \$3000. Susan Schwartz reported that Villaggio added \$8540 profit from Secret Cinema, Cabaret Night, Women's Seder, and Canasta Tournament. The Women's Seder celebrated their 13th "Bat Mitzvah" year and added a special candle lighting for that had come before. 152 women were in attendance.

On May 7, there will be a tour of the Norton.

Nov. 18, a card and game party is scheduled at Mirasol with 17 vendors and silent auction.

On Jan. 6th, the Literary Luncheon will take place at Wycliffe and cost will be \$75.

Community Outreach--Loe reported that volunteers at Quantum House so enjoyed the experience of cooking, prepping and serving to residents that they requested doing this 3-4 times in the future. She moved to adopt Quantum House as a new project. **Motion was tabled after Board insisted on developing a strategic plan first as some wanted projects that can be “branded.”**

KCC--Sarah reported that the 16th closet at Diamond View School has been named in honor of Ruth Zalaznick’s 90th birthday.

Judy Traub showed the LIFT bags and luggage tags.

Breaking Bread--Debbie Mendelson--Suggested a new data base to identify members here for the summer as she needs volunteers for when Snowbirds leave. She also reported that she met with Uwe, of The Lewis Center, and Marilyn Munoz, former head of The Homeless Coalition, but now with The Lord’s Place to see if we could “brand” our project. However, “Breaking Bread” has been named from The Lewis Center. She suggested we could, perhaps, serve lunch and call it “Lip Smacking Lunch.”

Sarah moved “to create an NCJW umbrella program, to be

named at another time, to feed families including Breaking Bread and Quantum House.” **Motion passed with one abstention.** Breaking Bread would then be under Community Outreach rather than Homeless.

Marlene reported that Installation and Volunteer Recognition will take place Friday, April 12 from 10-12 at Eastpointe CC, West. Fifty-eight people are expected to attend.

Helene reported that Sierra Richardson from Atlantic Community High School will receive the Future Leader’s Award on May. 15.

Rona Goldstein proposed publishing an Annual Report brochure and will explore cost.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08.

Respectfully submitted,
Loe Goldwasser