

## **NCJW MINUTES 4/4/18**

**Meeting was called to order by Joanne Sininsky at 9:45am.**

**Those in attendance:** Laurie Alexander, Nadine Kaplan, Marlene Gropman, Carol Lubin, Gail Siegel, Rona Sterling, Linda Geller-Schwartz, Merle Bassin, Joanne Sininsky, Susan Schwartz, Helene Askinazi, Loe Goldwasser, Linda Silver, Susan Glabman, Diane Wortman, & Phyllis Weinstein.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT – JOANNE SININSKY**

Fifteen attendees were allowed to vote. The Slate was passed by all fifteen voting members who were in attendance. The March minutes were approved. Joanne stated that it's been a great ride and has thoroughly enjoyed her last two years, though wishes she had done it as a younger woman. Joanne has been receiving Evaluations and she thanked everyone for their follow up.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT- GAIL SIEGEL**

Our net income 7/1/17 to the present is \$65,753. Our net available funds are \$217,483.56. As a reminder, our VP's and Chairs should monitor their income and expenses. To help with budget requests, be sure to compare your income and expenses with the present budget (see last two columns on the Treasurer's Report. There will be a Budget Committee Meeting at the end of April. A vote on the Budget for 2018-19 will be in May. We are working to find a CPA to complete our Audited Financial Statement.

Gail asked that everyone submit their Budgets by 4/20 with a narrative as to why the funds are needed.

Susan Glabman asked if Villaggio should be a line item in the budget? There was much discussion about this issue and the decision was that it must go before the Budget Committee. Loe Goldwasser felt that this should be an Executive Committee decision. Gail S. feels that Villaggio has been working just fine as they have been taking money from the Membership Retention line, and that NCJW should increase funding for Membership Retention so that Villaggio doesn't have to keep asking for more money/funding. This will be brought up in the Budget Committee Meeting.

**Motion: Gail Seigel proposed a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Linda Geller-Schwartz seconded the motion.**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE – GAIL SIEGEL**

Gail reported that they are done, the Slate has been issued, and congratulations to all Officers and Directors.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH – CAROL LUBIN**

The Weekend Pantry has become more complicated. The Palm Beach School District has appointed a Hunger Relief Collaboration Team to coordinate all the agencies to all the schools to make sure that every school gets funded equally. They have now given NCJW a form and contract which have to be reviewed and signed. This may have to go to an attorney, but there was talk about whether National Council has to take a look at this? Gail S. said that she has been speaking with our insurance people about this issue, but nothing has been decided. Carol L. wants us to review it with our attorney and get back to the Coalition ASAP. Sarah R. questioned Carol if they are taking the program over and we would lose our volunteer opportunities. Carol L. said that she is not signing anything, and that she is meeting with the Liberty Park School anyway to see if they would like a Weekend Pantry, but will not do anything until she hears back from the coalition.

### **Breaking Bread – Debbie Mendelson (reported by Carol Lubin)**

Debbie needs volunteers for Breaking Bread. Villaggio sent out a notice to their community asking for volunteers, as well Laurie A. did the same with her Ambassadors. The question arose, do we as a Board keep this going during the summer, and if so, who would coordinate from July through September. At this moment, the last Breaking Bread is scheduled for June. Loe G. has a listing of members who will be here in the summer and perhaps we can use her list to get summer volunteers.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS – LINDA FINKELSTEIN (reported by Rona Sterling)**

11/8/18– There will be a Literary Luncheon at Ibis chaired by Linda Malchi. The speaker will be Talia Carner.

12/13/18 – Card Party will be at Admiral's Cove chaired by Rona Goldstein.

On 2/1/19 or 2/7/19 – The Signature Event will be at Mirasol, co-chaired by Linda Silver and Carol Blumberg. The speaker is TBD.

Rona S. recommended that we have a two-tier price increase of \$5 for non-members vs. members for all up-coming events, and while she knows it may deter some from attending the event, Rona feels that it will increase our membership numbers and make our section stronger. Joanne S. thought that in Nov. 2014, Judy T. already made a motion to differentiate the price for members vs. non-members, and that it passed. Laurie A. agrees it's time to have two tiers, but instead of \$5, it should be \$10. Sue G. agrees with the \$10 price as well, while Linda G-S would prefer the \$5 because of Advocacy. Joanne S. wants to research it more in case we need a motion or not, and is concerned that we may have already passed this motion before. Merle B. made a motion.

**Motion: We charge an additional \$10 to non-members for Section Fund-Raising Events. This does not include Advocacy. Thirteen voting members were in favor. Sue G. seconded the motion.**

Loe G. suggested that on the Invite that there be an explanation that the extra \$10 for non-members applies toward their membership fee.

### **ADVOCACY REPORT - LINDA GELLER-SCHWARTZ**

Marilyn K. will be taking over as Linda is leaving. Linda said that this Summer, Advocacy will focus on Ballot Amendments and bringing votes back. In November, we are voting for all Senators, the Governor, and Representatives... the entire House is up for re-election.

### **KIDS' COMMUNITY CLOSET (KCC) – JUDY TRAUB (reported by Sarah R.)**

This year we are requesting more paperwork from each of the participating schools as it's time to have better record keeping. Some of the schools are getting their stuff from "Back-to-Basics" and would we consider closing or backing out of these schools as well as those that are doing due diligence reporting. Sarah R. is going to contact all of the participating school principals to try and get/encourage better reporting. Joanne S. feels that we do not want to pull out of any school for now, and that the liaison who is not doing their job may need additional training and/or be changed. Joanne also suggested to Sarah to cc each principal on every email to encourage improved cooperation. Merle B. brought up the fact that "Back-to-Basics" was run by Andy Roddick, but that his interests are no longer in Florida and therefore his program may no longer be as strong as it once was. Sarah reported that they are planning on opening one new closet and that Judy has three schools that are in need. First choice right now is Heritage Elementary. Joanne S. said that we have to pass a motion before we can commit.

### **LIFT – LINDA KABER (reported by Phyllis M.)**

Due to policy changes in Washington, the IRC in Miami is closing down. We approached Donna Fishman to see if she wanted her funds to go elsewhere, and she agreed as long as they go to those in need.

### **COMMUNICATIONS – RONA STERLING**

Nothing to report.

### **MEMBERSHIP – LYNNE EISMAN**

Nothing to report.

## **ADMINISTRATION – MARLENE GROPMAN & SUSAN GLABMAN**

### **Update on Installation**

49 people have paid. Names are coming through the website, but without funds. This is causing a bit of a problem. Rona S. will send out another communication about Installation and where to send the funds. Wycliffe Country Club requested a deposit of \$1,000.

### **Tribute Cards**

Merle B. is more than willing to chair a committee to develop an overall strategy, and change the design of the Tribute Cards for fund raising. As of now, Lenore Blinkoff is selling the Tribute Cards and Phyllis W. at times has bought from Lenore and resold them. There was much discussion about changing the cards, what it would look like and its cost-effectiveness. Merle B. is putting together a committee to address this issue and conduct a SWOT Analysis.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Susan S. stated that the Passover Seder was wonderful and thanked the Board members who supported them. Helene A. said that we should be proud of what we are doing and that in the March 28, 2017 issue of the Jewish Journal, NCJW's Passover Celebration was mentioned.

**The next Board Meeting is 5/2/18.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.**