

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday September 7, 2022
10:00 – 11:30 am

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Check In
3. Approval of Minutes from the May Board Meeting
4. Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Sophie Berkner and Gail Siegel
5. Approval of the Budget
6. Update on Stripe Account – Gail Siegel
7. President's Report
8. Highlights of Recent and Upcoming Activities
 - a. Washington Institute
 - i. Jewish Fund for Abortion Access
 - b. Membership
 - c. Fundraising
 - d. Florida Initiatives
9. Good and Welfare
10. Adjournment – Next Meeting – September 7, 2022

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

Palm Beach
June 1 st, 2022

Administration

Submitted by Sandi Winnick

Magic Jack is up and running...getting some bizarre calls and comical ones also. The computer work is not difficult...until I get a letter /notice..that I cannot open...but I am working on it...

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Gail Siegel and Sophie Berkner

1. Approve Treasurer's Report
2. Approve Budget (was emailed 5/10/22)
3. We have officially terminated our contract with STRIPE. We are now using PayPal as our online payment center. It basically works the same way that STRIPE did.
4. As of now we have not been able to open a new checking account (the bank required more info than we had with us). We are keeping a low balance in the account that we have now in order to cover outstanding checks and to pay our bills online.
5. If we decide to open a new checking account the signers will be President, Dianne Goldin, and co-treasurers Sophie Berkner and Gail Siegel.

Membership Financial

Submitted by Lynne Eisman

Total members – 755

Life members – 274 (18 of which are associate)

Annual members – 482 (13 of which are associate)

Dues notices have gone out and approximately 125 members have paid so far.

We have approximately 20 new members this month

Membership Retention

Submitted by Rita Young

From April 27, 2022-May 27, 2022, we enrolled 18 new members!! We will continue to have get togethers in the various communities. Looking ahead, Martin/St Lucie County is planning to hold two membership events this coming year. On Thursday, December 8, 2022, Roni Beshears will hold a gathering at her home in PGA Verano Community and on Sunday, January 8, 2023, Susan Wolf Schwartz will hold a gathering in Vitalia

Community. Membership is a year-round process. Please let me know if you have any names of potential members and I will be happy to contact them.

Fundraising/Grants

Submitted by Nadine Kaplan

The Special Events Committee has been busy over these last few months. Our first event will be November 16th 2022: A DAY OF SHOPPING! There will be new vendors as well as our tried and true vendors displaying their goods for all of us to shop until we drop. Appropriately this is just in time for Hanukkah! Bring all your friends and family members for a great shopping experience. Starting and ending times will be announced soon.

Human Trafficking

Submitted by Judy Traub

On May 21 we had a table at a small Child Abuse Prevention expo at the YMCA of West Palm Beach. The event was not well attended and there were no important contacts made.

We had a table at the Mental Health Coalition Health and Wellness Fair on May 21. On May 19 we were asked to replace their speaker on Human Trafficking as he had just notified them he had COVID and could not be present. Elizabeth Harrison re-wrote a script and reorganized our slide stack and we gave our presentation to those present. Kudos to Elizabeth for a lot of work to meet a quick deadline.

At the Health and Wellness Fair we made contact with State Rep. Jevonte Edwards and State Sen. Bobby Powell, and both are interested in promoting our program to the organizations in their legislative districts. We may be on a Facetime interview with Rep. Edwards in the next week or two. We also made contact with Rev. J R Thicklin, who is very influential in the Black community and Elizabeth has followed up with an e-mail to him about our program. We are following up several other contacts made at that event.

On May 27 Robin Sambur and Caren Freigenberg staffed a table at the Grand Opening of BRIDGES of Lake Worth. Material in English, Spanish and Creole were distributed including our flyers and note pads. Several terrific contacts were made and we expect to have requests for presentations as a result.

Planned Parenthood requested our tear off notepads "Don't Become A Victim of Human Trafficking". 50 of them were delivered to the Planned Parenthood HQ on No. Florida Mango in West Palm Beach

We have been asked to present our program on zoom on June 26 to the clients of Cayuga Center. They provide services to foster parents. This connection was made at the Children's Healing Institute on April 25. .

Personal Care items were requested for our NCJW Closet at Catholic Charities for victims of human trafficking. We delivered several bags of personal care items given to us by the Jewish Volunteer Center of Jewish Federation.

The Dignity Project

Submitted by Loe Goldwasser and Judy Traub

We have spent \$155 this month for dry body wipes and underwear. We are using the many bags of personal care items that were donated to us through the Jewish Volunteer Center of Jewish Federation. Bags will be packed at my house on June 3 and delivered to The Lord's Place early the following week.

Fundraising

Submitted by Rona Goldstein

The Personal Giving Campaign is under Way. Nadine Kaplan, Madeleine Miller, Barbara Bose and I met for an initial meeting. We may have come up with a theme, but most of our conversation was about how to reach members without using bulk rate stamp. Our theme at present is Empowered Women. We are seeking others who would like to work on the copy to please contact me at 215-519-7789

Dianne Goldin, Rona Sterling, Ruth Resnek and I had a zoom meeting with Jody Passov, chair of the BallenIsles Foundation Grant Committee. They really love us and encouraged us to apply for multiple grants and to raise our asking limits. They indicated that we will not be obligated to use the grant for only the KCC and that we can spread a little around to other programs like the Dignity Program. Although we may apply for the grant directly for this program.

Advocacy

Submitted by Robin Sambur

Advocacy will have had a training session presented by The LWV which will enable us to register the voters. The plan is to visit assisted living facilities in PB County and update registrations and VBM requests. So far we are having a very difficult time obtaining bookings. It may be that partisan politics and disinformation has finally outpaced our non partisan efforts.

We have a timely program on Combating Hate Crime in America scheduled for June 16. We had hoped to have a group via zoom and a group watching zoom together at The Barclay - home of Robin Sambur. 3546 So. Ocean Blvd Palm Beach. Thus far we

have about 10 registrations. Our registration is quite light, but we expect to present this extremely timely and important program to our membership. As leaders of our section, please register and spread the word in your communities. A final registration flyer will go out in about two weeks.

Robin is continuing exploratory work on a young girls self esteem and leadership training program. First inquiries were with JFS however they have referred me to Federation. WE COULD USE MORE OF A THINK TANK FOR THIS PROJECT.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THIS AREA OF INTEREST, PLEASE CONTACT ROBIN SAMBUR 631-546-8198

Meals with a Cause (MAC)

Submitted by Debbie Mendelson

Breaking Bread @ The Lewis Center

We provided two dinners in May representing the 17th and 18th budgeted meals. On May 11, Merle and Stan Bassin (experienced servers) and Dianne Goldin (new server) were very happy offering a chicken dinner. On May 26 Rona Goldstein brought three new members to serve with her, Karen Yesner, Kathy Goldberg and Randi Seligman. They enjoyed it so much they might volunteer again this summer.

We have one last meal in this budget year which Laurie Alexander and her volunteers will cover on June 23.

If you are reading this and able to serve on the 4th Thursday of the month, please let me know. That means July 28, August 24 or September 22 need you and a few others to volunteer.

Quantum House

Caren Freigenberg and a few chefs will be preparing and delivering dinner on Tuesday May 31. Quantum has a full house with about 65-70 people expected because summer is often a requested time for children's surgery.

Unfortunately Caren has been challenged finding enough chefs during the summer with snowbirds gone and many fulltimers traveling. She has notified Quantum that NCJW will resume providing "home cooked, healthier" meals in the fall, Please consider finding more chefs for this feel good cause.

Honorary Director

Submitted by Carol Lubin

DELRAY THEATER UPDATE FOR MAY 12 STEVEN SONDHEIM MUSICALS

Mask requirement has been lifted

Tickets will be handed out at the theater

Looking forward to a happy day. See you there

Carol Lubin carlub@comcast.net and Diane Wortman, dondi63@aol.com for any questions

Director Birthday Cards

Submitted by Joanne Sininsky

Every time we send the list out to you we receive one or two emails from members advising us that their birthday does not appear. There are a couple of reasons for this. New members ,2020-present, fill out birthday info on the membership form. I have been asking for birthday info from the membership at every event (prior to Covid 19). and newsletter The birthday list you have filled out always asks for your birthday info. I update regularly. I currently have birthdays for 49% of the membership. Please participate! It is the easiest way to send birthday greetings to your NCJW friends!

The best way to insure I have your info is to email me anytime at jgins49@gmail.com.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ME CHECKS. The checks must be sent to Sofie!!!

The more birthdays =more cards =more money for NCJW and most important more members have a better birthday!!!

Stay healthy & safe so we can celebrate your special day and have a great summer!!!!

Let's Do Lunch –

Submitted by Merle Bassin

The Barclay will be making sandwiches in June.

Soup For the Soul–

Submitted by Laurie Alexander

May has been a busy month for SOUP FOR THE SOUL and SOUP FOR SHABBAT

As a result of a member coffee held at Rona Goldstein's house, Audrey Ades, President of 100 Women Who Care, was quite taken with Soup For Shabbat and wanted for her May 10th meeting, her members to bring fresh soup ingredients for food insecure people to make Lentil Vegetable Soup to feed 12 people /bag. Rona Goldstein collected 35 filled bags and brought them to Palm Beach Harvest for distribution. A very successful effort!

On Wednesday May 18th and Thursday May 19th, Debbie Mendelson, Laurie Alexander and Judy Traub delivered a total of 50 bags to Alpert JFS, in West Palm Beach and Temple Shaarei Shalom in Boynton Beach. Once again, Judy Traub organized her Wycliffe volunteers to do this project. This is our second collection working with Belinda

Lasky, Coordinator of Food Pantry at JFS. Our second effort streamlined our process and both NCJW and JFS think we have a very successful partnership program. I do believe our pilot program has achieved what we set out to do and we look forward to a continuance of Soup For Shabbat!!

Deborah Morgan CEO of Palm Beach Harvest contacted me about the West Palm Beach Mental Health Coalition Festival being held on Saturday, May 21 at The Salvation Army Northwest Community Center on S. Rosemary Avenue. She thought it was a good opportunity for Soup For The Soul to help the underserved population. Pam Frazier, organized this festival with over 30 exhibitors in the Mental Health field. In situations like this, money that volunteers donate to Soup For The Soul, instead of shopping, can be used to make our Lentil Vegetable Soup. That is just what Chef Richard Roberts of Culinary Flair Catering did! We had over 250 1 quart containers of our soup and distributed that to attendees. Thanks to Merle and Stan Bassin and Art Alexander for all their help. With our unused soup, gave about 100 quarts of leftover soup to the Salvation Army to distribute, this week to the homeless population they serve. Our sticker "From our Soul To Your Soul".was placed on each container. It is a loving message from our volunteers who truly feel good about doing this act of kindness.

Going forward we will try to do another Soup For Shabbat distribution in July or September. As always, we need volunteers in our communities or special groups to contact Laurie Alexander, Chair at 561 252-1703 or email at lauriealex18@gmail.com

Pathways in Education

Submitted by Loe Goldwasser

Nothing new to report at this time.

Heads Smart

Submitted by Marsha Rickles

Unfortunately, I have nothing to report for Heads smart. We haven't made any more progress with the schools or clubs and are setting our sights for next season.

I am disappointed, but another year of COVID made it difficult to move forward

LIFT

Submitted by Sarajane Feinsilver and Ellen Rosner

Domestic Violence (Abused Women)

Aging Out and Vita Nova

Submitted by Sandi Winnick and Anne Best

Nothing new to report at this time.

KIDS Community Closet

Submitted by Sarah Rothschild and Susan Deitch

School ends on May 26 and final inventories have been requested from all of our closets. Some of our volunteers have gone in to take the hands-on inventory themselves and in other cases school personnel will do the counting. These end of the year inventories are the basis for ordering clothing to restock the closets for the beginning of the school year.

Ordering will be done in June to avoid shipping delays and back orders if at all possible. Supply chain issues etc have caused delivery delays throughout the school year. We continue to need new volunteers to go into the schools two or three times a year and do the counting. It is important that NCJW maintain “eyes” on the closets through our volunteers.

Villaggio

Submitted by Susan Schwartz

The clubs in Villaggio are slowly coming back and trying to hold events. It seems that card parties go over well but I'm not sure about any other kind of activity.

However, Villaggio NCJW is will be going forward with plans for the upcoming season. We will be putting in a Save The Date flyer in our next newsletter as we hope to hold a Day of Croquet including lunch in November and I am looking at a Mah Jong Tournament either in January or February. Our Cabaret Night is on the calendar for January as that is always a successful evening. And we are looking to hold our fabulous Women's Seder in March. We hope that there will be enough enthusiasm for all of these events to go forward and be successful

Susan Schwartz

President, NCJW Villaggio

However, we are not giving up and we are looking at several things to be held in the coming season.

Communications and Social Media

Submitted by: Cathy Einhorn

Communications

Submitted by Helene Askinazi

The Communications Team is getting ready for an exciting 2022-2023 season. Due to extenuating circumstances, we will not be sending out a May newsletter, but will deliver a June/July newsletter which will contain updates to articles submitted for May.

I have resumed my role as VP Communications as of this moment. Please send all future articles and questions to me.

I thank you all for your support during my absence and look forward to being an integral part of the Board once again. I will be returning to Florida in July.

My deepest thanks go out to Rona Sterling for picking up the slack during my leave.

Caridad Center

Submitted by Joyce Kantrowitz

ALK Scholarship

Submitted by Rona Sterling

Long ago, many years longer than any of our members can remember, we received a large sum of money from the Alk family who entrusted NCJW Palm Beach to distribute \$300 per year to a deserving nursing student. We have done our due diligence and will be distributing our next to last installment to one of South University's students.

The recipient is unaware that she will be receiving this award. Her name is Yanet Musa. According to Dr. Julia Canipe, Program Director for the College of Nursing and Public Health, "Yanet has demonstrated perseverance over many challenges and is very deserving of this award."

Dianne Goldin will be present at the pinning ceremony on June 17th to present the check and certificate to Yanet. Dianne will also get to say a few words about the award and NCJW.

National Initiatives

Submitted by Dianne Goldin

NCJW Palm Beach
Board of Directors Meeting – May 4, 2022

MINUTES

Attendees at the in-person meeting: Rona Goldstein, Ruth Resnek, Sophie Berkner, Gail Siegel, Dianne Goldin, Robin Sambur, Sandi Winnick, Rita Young, Loe Goldwasser, Debbie Mendelson, Nadine Kaplan, Laurie Alexander, Lynne Eisman, Susan Schwartz, Merle Bassin, Cathy Einhorn

Attendees at Virtual meeting: Sarajane Feinsilver, Ruth Zalaznick, Judy Traub, Rona Sterling

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President Dianne Goldin.

Approval of the minutes from March 2, 2022. **Debbie Mendelson made a motion to approve the minutes. Cathy Einhorn seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Approval of the Treasurer's Report. **Susan Schwartz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Lynne Eisman seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Presidents' Report. In addition to her welcoming comments and overview of the next biennium, Dianne presented NCJW's views on the leaked draft of the Supreme Court majority opinion. "On Monday evening, Politico published a leaked draft of the Supreme Court majority opinion in the Mississippi case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which explicitly overturns *Roe v. Wade*. It represents an unprecedented leak from the Court that, if it holds, would reverse nearly 50 years of precedent and end federal constitutional protections for abortion care. It's also a threat to other basic civil and human rights, like the right to marry whom we love or access contraception, as they are rooted in the same constitutional right to privacy as *Roe*."

If it goes through, the consequences of this impending Supreme Court decision will be swift and devastating. Overturning *Roe* means 26 states could move to ban abortion, including 13 states with laws that could immediately go into effect. That means, in half of the country, people would no longer have power over their own bodies and their own lives. That means 36 million women — nearly half of the women of reproductive age (18-49) in the United States — plus people who can become pregnant, could soon lose abortion access.

Right now, abortion is still legal and people with appointments for abortions can still get them. The law has not changed — this is a draft opinion with no current legal authority. And even though we were expecting this in final form at the end of June, it is no less shocking to read in print — decades of precedent overturned with the stroke of a pen.

If there is any bright spot, it is that NCJW was made for this moment! We and generations before us have fought tirelessly to gain and protect the rights we have today, and we will not back down.”

- FROM PPSEFL: “No judge, no politician, no ban should ever block your personal medical decisions or set the course for your life. Abortion access should not be based on your ZIP code, income level, or immigration status.”

“So here is what NCJW will be doing:

1. Post on your platforms using our sample posts below.
2. Mark your calendars for an NCJW emergency field call for section leaders on Wednesday, May 4 from 12:30 – 1pm ET to hear the latest and get your questions answered.
3. If you haven’t already, be sure to register for NCJW’s Washington Institute. In addition to gaining new skills for change making, we are hosting The Jewish Rally for Abortion Justice on Tuesday, May 17 beginning at 9am. Together with our partners and allies, we will center those most impacted as we call for immediate collective action to protect and advance abortion justice to ensure everyone gets the care they need.
4. Attend a nationwide mobilization on May 14.”

“Top Message Points:

- Let’s be clear: Abortion is still legal. As of today, it remains your constitutional right.
- But Monday’s leak makes it clear that our deepest fears are coming true. We are at a crisis moment for abortion access.
- The court seems prepared to end the constitutional right to abortion. This outcome is as dangerous as it is unprecedented, and will open the floodgates for states across the country to ban abortion.
- This is not the end goal for the anti-abortion movement. They said it themselves this week: Their ultimate goal is to pass a nationwide abortion ban that would block abortion access in every state in the country.
- We know the harm that will come from this decision, because we’ve seen it play out in Texas: People who do not have access to the financial resources and support they need to travel out of state are forced to carry pregnancies or flee their state to seek abortion outside of the health care system.”

Gail Siegel – Our Stripe account has been comprised. Many hours have been spent on trying to reconcile the situation. Gail has taken the lead on this issue and has been in contact with our bank and other authorities.

Rita Young – Membership. Rita thanked Rona Goldstein for having a get together on April 28 at her home at Mirasol. 17 new people were invited and 13 attended. Rita is going to ask members to have a get together at their homes in Ironhorse, Ibis, Wycliffe (and other communities) for people who joined within the past year.

Judy Traub – Human Trafficking. A table has been booked to attend an upcoming PBC Mental Health Fair. The efforts of the Section are becoming known in the community.

Rona Goldstein – Fundraising and Development. 30 people signed up for the Sondheim Program at the Delray Beach Playhouse. The program is “sold out.” Carol Lubin and Diane Wortman worked very hard on this program.

Robin Sambur – Advocacy. Voting Rights. A program is being organized, in partnership with the Women League of Voters PBC. There is a training session on May 25th at 2PM. It will be recorded if you cannot attend the zoom. On June 16, the Advocacy Team will host a program on Hate Crimes. The speakers will be from the Southern Poverty Law Center and NCJW INC. It will be held in at Robin’s building and will also be available on Zoom.

Good and Welfare – Sarah Rothschild’s father passed away. The obituary kindly suggested that all gifts be directed to Kids Community Closet. A thank you note was received from Sarajane Feinsilver in response to the Section’s acknowledgement of her sister’s passing. May their memories be for a blessing.

Debbie Mendelson – At our next Board Meeting, please bring kosher, non-perishable food items to Alpert Jewish Family Services. She also reminded that Board that volunteers are needed to sign up to serve dinner at the Lewis Center.

Sandi Winnick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gail Siegel seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:28AM.