



**Jewish Federation of Ottawa
Board of Directors Meeting**

Summary of Discussion for
the community

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Board Meeting

In Attendance: Leila Ages, Kevin Barwin, Jeff Laks, Marina Milyavskaya, Karen Palayew, Michael Polowin, Gillian Presner, Tal Scher, Jacob Shabinsky, Ian Sherman*, Marci Surkes, Danya Vered, and Gary Viner

Staff: Sarah Beutel, Pauline Colwin, Rena Garshowitz, Micah Garten, and Mark Gruner

Recorder: Sabrina Vitoriano

*Ian Sherman only attended the in-camera session of this meeting.

I: In-Camera Session

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm and adjourned at 6:13 pm.

II: Welcome – Karen Palayew

Karen welcomed the board members and called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. She thanked Danya for chairing the last meeting on her behalf and expressed her gratitude for the support received during her challenging time.

III: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – Karen Palayew

Karen called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

Moved: Gillian Presner

Second: Kevin Barwin

Motion carried

IV: Strategic Funding and Impact Grants Request – Sarah Beutel

Karen invited Sarah to present the Strategic Funding and Impact Grants Request to repurpose some unused strategic funds to provide more funds for Microgrants for the current fiscal year, and for a second year of Federation's Supplementary School Tuition Incentive Program.

Karen called for a motion to accept the funding recommendations.

Moved: Kevin Barwin
Second: Tal Scher
Motion carried

Karen thanked Sarah for her presentation.

V: Strategic Plan Addendum – Karen Palayew

Karen summarized the background about the extension to the Strategic Plan and the document circulated to the board ahead of the meeting. The plan highlighted Federation's increased focus on advocacy and combatting antisemitism, and how this work will need to continue and be well-resourced, to address the community's needs.

All questions were answered to the board's satisfaction.

Karen called for a motion to accept the Strategic Plan Addendum as presented and to be reassessed in the near future for the next Strategic Plan.

Moved: Michael Polowin
Second: Danya Vered
Motion carried

Karen thanked the Strategic Priorities Committee for their work on this file.

VI: Political Advertising in the Ottawa e-Bulletin – Marci Surkes

Karen invited Marci to present the recommendations of the Communications and Community Relations Committee (CCRC) on Political Advertising in the Ottawa e-Bulletin. Marci highlighted the key points noted in the report, circulated ahead of the meeting.

The board had a fulsome and robust discussion.

Marci made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Communications and Community Relations Committee (CCRC).

Moved: Marci Surkes
Second: Marina Milyavskaya
Opposed: Michael Polowin, Tal Scher and Jacob Shabinsky
Abstention: Jeff Laks
Motion carried

Karen thanked Marci, Pauline and the CCRC for their work on this file.

VII: President's Report – Sarah Beutel

Karen invited Sarah to present the President's Report.

Karen thanked Sarah for the update.

VIII: Campaign Update – Gary Viner

Karen invited Gary to present the Campaign Update. He said that Campaign 2024 currently stands at \$4.965 million, which is about \$11,000 less than what was raised last year, although the number of donors is smaller.

Karen thanked Gary, Evelyn, and Micah for their terrific work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.