



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

Summary of Discussion for
the community

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Board Meeting

In Attendance: Leila Ages, Kevin Barwin, Jeff Laks, Marina Milyavskaya, Gillian Presner, Alice Retik, Ian Sherman, Marci Surkes, Danya Vered, and Gary Viner

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

Recorder: Sabrina Vitoriano

I: Welcome – Danya Vered

Danya welcomed board members and called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. She explained that she will chair this meeting as Karen is away due to the passing of her father-in-law and expressed condolences to Karen and her family on behalf of the board.

II: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – Danya Vered

Danya called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

Moved: Jeff Laks

Second: Kevin Barwin

Motion carried

III: Early Beginnings Request – Rena Garshowitz

Danya invited Rena to present on the Early Beginnings Request. Rena highlighted some of the key points noted in the document circulated ahead of the meeting. The board had a robust discussion about the proposal submitted by Early Beginnings for proposed changes to their lease.

Danya called for a motion reflecting the conversation that was held by the Board.

Moved: Gillian Presner

Second: Marina Milyavskaya

Motion carried

Danya thanked Rena for her work on this file.

IV: JFS Community Garden Update – Sarah Beutel

Danya invited Sarah to present an update on the JFS Community Garden project, based on the questions raised at the last board meeting, on February 6, 2024. Sarah highlighted some of the key points in the report circulated ahead of the meeting.

All questions were answered to the board's satisfaction.

Danya called for a motion to accept, in principle, the concept of the JFS Community Garden project, subject to negotiation of a final Memorandum of Understanding between participating organizations.

Moved: Marina Milyavskaya

Second: Gillian Presner

Motion carried

Danya thanked Sarah for her presentation.

V: Net Asset Policy – Mark Gruner

Danya noted that, at the board meeting of January 16, 2024, it was agreed that more thought would be needed in developing a more comprehensive policy on Federation's reserves. She then invited Mark to present the recommendations. Mark highlighted some of the key points noted in the report, circulated ahead of the meeting, and answered questions from board members.

Danya called for a motion to accept the Net Asset Policy as presented.

Moved: Kevin Barwin

Second: Jeff Laks

Motion carried

Danya thanked Mark for his work on this file.

VI: President's Report – Sarah Beutel

Danya invited Sarah to present the President's Report, who mentioned there were no updates to the report previously circulated to the board.

Danya thanked Sarah for the report.

VII: Campaign Update – Gary Viner

Danya invited Gary to present the Campaign Update. He said that Campaign 2024 currently stands at \$4.957 million, which is very close to what was raised last year, and there is still around \$180,000 in open cards.

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

The meeting moved in camera.

VIII: In-Camera Session

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.