



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

Summary of Discussion for
the community

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

In Attendance: Leila Ages, Kevin Barwin, Jeff Laks, Marina Milyavskaya, Karen Palayew, Alice Retik, Tal Scher, Ian Sherman, Samantha Sigler, Danya Vered, and Adam Zaret, Gary Viner

Regrets: Joelle Assaraf, Gillian Presner, Marci Surkes

Staff: Pauline Colwin, Rena Garshowitz, Mark Gruner, Anne Read, Michel Reznick, Adam Silver

I: Welcome – Karen Palayew

Karen Palayew thanked everyone for attending and called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm.

II: Audited Financial Statements – Mark Gruner, Adam Aronson, Jeff Miller

Karen welcomed Jeff Miller and Adam Aronson from GGFL and invited Mark Gruner to present the Draft Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2024.

Mark reviewed the draft statements which were forwarded to the board in advance of the meeting.

All questions were answered to the Board's satisfaction.

Adam Silver called for a motion to approve the Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Moved: Adam Zaret

Second: Danya Vered

Motion carried

Karen thanked Mark, Jeff and Adam for their review.

III: Update Regarding Ottawa Jewish Community School (OJCS) and Generations Trust – Karen Palayew, Ian Sherman, Adam Silver

Karen advised the board Dan Perla from Prizmah has been hired to do a deep dive and assist in finding a sustainable path forward for OJCS. A draft report is expected to be distributed at the January 14, 2025 board meeting.

All questions were answered to the Board's satisfaction.

IV: Year-to-Date Financial Statements – Mark Gruner

Karen invited Mark Gruner to present the year-to-date financial statements.

Mark asked if there were any questions from the written material and advised that, in a one month period, the Federation received an additional \$2.3M in pledges.

Karen thanked Mark.

V: President's Report – Adam Silver

Karen invited Adam Silver to present the President's Report.

Adam reviewed the written material, and provided the following items of note:

- Final deliberations will be made with respect to the strategic plan in the upcoming week, and the task will begin in earnest in the new year.
- CIJA is going through a change in leadership.
- Funds for Jewish Journeys will be clarified at the January 14, 2025 board meeting.
- Federation has \$100,000 allocated for matching funds for Canada Community Security Program (previously SIP),. To date, \$70,000 have been matched. The Federation will be going back to the community in the spring to have another request for proposals.

All questions were answered to the Board's satisfaction.

Karen thanked Adam for his update.

VI: Annual Campaign Update and Presentation – Leila Ages, Gary Viner, Michael Reznick

Karen invited Michael Reznick to provide the Annual Campaign update.

Michael presented an update and advised that the campaign total currently stands at \$3.9M with an increase in card-on-card of 9%.

All questions were answered to the Board's satisfaction.

Karen thanked Michael for his presentation and Gary Viner and Leila Ages for all of their hard work.

VIII: In-Camera Session – Karen Palayew

Karen invited the staff to leave and held an in-camera session with the board of directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.