

**Board of Directors
Board Meeting November 1, 2023, 5:30 pm
Minutes**

On November 1, 2023 Memphis Jewish Federation Board of Directors held a Board Meeting to conduct its business in the MJCC Board Room.

At 5:30 pm Scott Notowich, Federation Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Memphis Jewish Federation Board of Trustees in Attendance

Cindy Finestone, Jonathan Frisch, Michelle Katz, Molly Lane, Debbie B. Lazarov, Steve Libby, Sheri Lipman, Alla Lubin, Jaclyn Marshall, Lisa Menuskin, Scott Notowich, Eileen Posner, Shelley Robbins, Adam Saslawsky, Rachel Siegel, Jill Shanker, Kimberlee Strome, Elissa Taub, Mary Trotz, Parker Trotz, Andie Uiberall, Keri Unowsky, Jana Weiskopf, Sarah Lewis and Jimmy Ringel via phone.

Jewish Community Partners Staff in Attendance

Laura Kaplan, Judy Lansky, Laura Linder, Carrie Richardson and Bluma Zuckerbrot-Finkelstein

Guests in Attendance

Amanda Braswell- Regional Security Advisor, Secure Community Network

Security Update

Scott Notowich introduced Amanda Braswell, SCN Regional Security Advisor, to give an update on security.

Minutes

Mr. Notowich called for the approval of the minutes from September 6, 2023 and October 13, 2023. Alla Lubin moved the minutes be approved, Molly Lane seconded the motion. Board minutes from September 6, 2023 and October 13, 2023 were approved.

Governance

Scott Notowich reviewed the Memphis Jewish Federation Investment Policy. The policy has been amended to include the Israel Bond option:

D. State of Israel Bond Option

The MJF has the ability to invest in State of Israel Bonds. Investing in Israel Bonds provides the Jewish nation with financial resources and support for helping build a strong and vibrant State of Israel. The bonds can be purchased in various denominations with varying interest rates and maturities, such as 2-year, 3-year, 5-year, 10-year and 15-year.

Mr. Notowich called for a vote on this amendment to the policy, Andie Uiberall moved to approve, Shelley Robbins seconded. Memphis Jewish Federation Investment Policy is amended and approved.

Mr. Notowich introduced Elissa Taub, Federation board member, who reviewed the partnership with TN Federations and the lobbyist firm. This funds security measures for faith based institutions. In the first

year, 100% of the funds received went to Jewish organizations. In the 2nd year, 75% of funds received went to Jewish organizations. There is a proposed motion to partner again with our sister TN Federations in hiring a lobbying firm, with a cost to Memphis of \$16,000, to help our state secure additional security funds for faith-based institutions. Andie Uiberall moved and Debbie B. Lazarov seconded the motion. Sheri Lipman abstained.

Laura Linder, JCP President & CEO, reported that the LiveSecure grant from JFNA defrays the cost of security programs: \$150k goes toward security costs.

Campus Climate

Sophie Bloch, Hillel Director, recorded a message to the board that reviews the ways she is reaching out and engaging the Hillel students during this unprecedented difficult time. Mrs. Bloch highlighted the many ways she is being supported of Memphis Hillel students and working with Rhodes and U of M campuses.

Financial Dashboard

Laura Kaplan, Federation VP of Finance and Operations, reviewed the data on the new dashboard and welcomed feedback from board members. Later in the year, the dashboard will show YTD information with variances and notes.

Campaign Update

Steve Libby, VC of FRD, highlighted the upcoming Super Sunday on November 12 and Leadership Monday on November 13. The Israel Emergency Fund will be included in the ask.

Israel Update

Scott Notowich reported on JFNA allocations to Israel. Mr. Notowich has been selected to be on JFNA's national allocation committee. As of today, JFNA has allocated \$121 million in cash to relief efforts in Israel. Mr. Notowich reported that a wide variety of organizations apply for aid.

Israel Campaign

JCP has raised \$2.65 million for Israel to date.

Israel Engagement

Jill Shanker, VC Israel and Overseas, reviewed the following engagement items:

- Weekly Israel Update E-Blasts
- Parlor Meetings, first one was 10/29
- 10/11 Solidarity Gathering
- Rabbis and Heads of School Video to the community
- Blue Ribbons and Blue Bracelets for Israel
- Upcoming Yoga Class for Israel fundraising

CEO Report

Laura Linder expressed gratitude for Scott Notowich, Jill Shanker, Jaclyn Marshall and Cindy Finestone for their efforts on Israel Engagement. Mrs. Linder reported on the Women's Spiritual Journey 2023 to Budapest, Prague, Berlin and Vienna.

All board members joined in a Prayer for the State of Israel.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm

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Scott Notowich, Federation Chair, reviewed the two motions below regarding the Lemsky Endowment Fund:

According to the policies of the Lemsky Endowment Fund, 5% of the corpus may be taken to address emergency needs in Israel, once per Federation fiscal year. Given the overwhelming needs in Israel, the liquidity of the Lemsky Fund and the speed and efficiency with which JFNA has been allocating incoming cash to basic humanitarian relief, the Committee unanimously approved last night an immediate cash transfer of \$530,000, representing 5% of the current Lemsky Fund balance.

Motion:

In accordance with Lemsky Endowment Fund granting policies, to grant an immediate \$530,000 from the Lemsky Endowment Fund to the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Israel Emergency Campaign in order to provide humanitarian relief to those individuals and communities impacted by the October 7, 2023, Hamas massacre.

Jaclyn Marshall moved, and Sheri Lipman seconded the motion.

1) Motion:

To draw on Lemsky funds granted to Israel trips for FY23-24 that will not be used in order to offer and provide flight grants of up to \$1800 for Memphis young adults participating in Birthright Israel's Volunteers for Israel program.

Kimberlee Strome moved, and Andie Uiberall seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm