

Memphis Jewish Federation Board of Directors Meeting

December 15, 2021, 5:00 pm

MINUTES

On December 15, 2021, Memphis Jewish Federation, held a special Board Meeting to conduct its business via Zoom.us.

At 5:00 pm, Mrs. Cindy Finestone, chair of the Memphis Jewish Federation of Directors, called the meeting to order.

Memphis Jewish Federation Board of Trustees in attendance

Bob Eiseman, Cindy Finestone, Aviva Freiden, Jonathan Frisch, Jason Goldstein, Michael Greenberg, Jan Groveman, Lee Harkavy, Michael Kaplan, Michelle Katz, Martin Klazmer, Susanne Landau, Debbie B. Lazarov, Debbie H. Lazarov, Emily Lennon, Richard Lewis, Sarah Lewis, Steve Libby, Alla Lubin, Jaclyn Marshall, Scott Notowich, Eileen Posner, Jimmy Ringel, Shelley Robbins, Jason Salomon, Jill Shanker, Dorit Shiloah-Boxer, Daniel Snyder, Kimberlee Strome, Andie Uiberall, Keri Unowsky.

Jewish Community Partners Staff in Attendance

Michael Barnett, Laura Linder, Elyssa Pfeffer, Carrie Richardson, Tim Wheat and Bluma Zuckerbrot-Finkelstein.

Bylaws and Management Agreement

Cindy Finestone, Memphis Jewish Federation chair, reviewed the revised Federation bylaws and management agreement between JCP and Federation. Jonathan Frisch asked why the Federation board of directors has increased to close to 40 members. Laura Linder, JCP CEO and President, explained this was due to the new governance structure of JCP, Federation and Foundation. Steve Libby requested the verbiage of 3.2 in the bylaws be revised to state the goal of the annual campaign is to solicit every Jew in Memphis. Scott Notowich requested 11.3 of the bylaws be revised to state that there will be at least 4 Federation Board Meetings per year and not at the sole discretion of the board chair. Jill Shanker asked for clarification between Partner Agency and Affiliated Organization. Mrs. Linder provided the clarification. Cindy Finestone moved the revised bylaws be approved. Alla Lubin seconded the motion and the revised Memphis Jewish Federation bylaws and management agreement were approved. No questions were raised over the management agreement. Cindy Finestone moved the revised management agreement be approved. Jimmy Ringel seconded the motion and the revised Memphis Jewish Federation management agreement was approved.

Community Relations

Cindy Finestone, Memphis Jewish Federation chair, reviewed the new Community Relations mission statement:

Mission: The Community Relations arm of Memphis Jewish Federation seeks to advance the values, interests and priorities of the Memphis Jewish community through partnerships and collaborations within the Jewish and greater Memphis community.

Core Values:

- We are inspired and guided by Jewish values;
- We seek to foster Jewish unity and consensus;
- We seek civil discourse and mutual respect with those with whom we disagree;
- We support a secure and thriving State of Israel and the well-being of its people.

Strategic Priorities:

- Convene, educate, mobilize and unite the Jewish community around combatting Antisemitism and anti-Israel bias, and other issues facing our Jewish community, global Jewry and Israel;
- Engage in advocacy on issues related to Jews and Israel in local, state, national & international arenas;
- Build relationships and partnerships with other ethnic, faith-based and civic groups around issues impacting the Jewish and greater Memphis community;
- Serve as a resource on Jews, Judaism and Israel to the Jewish and greater Memphis community.

--Approved by the CRC Working Group on Policies & Protocols,
November 2021

There were no questions raised on this mission statement. Cindy Finestone moved that the Community Relations mission statement be approved and Jason Goldstein seconded the motion. The Community Relations mission statement has been approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.