

To: The Greater Altoona Jewish Federation
From: Marilyn Muhlfelder, Secretary
Re: Minutes from the Board meeting of Thursday, January 24, 2008

Those present were Marilyn Muhlfelder, Bill Wallen, Michael Cohen, Neil Rudel, Norma Sevel, Ronna Lasser, Mickey Port, Neil Port, David Binus, Phyllis Port, Steve Port, Jan Housman, Yale Schulman, Roz Sky, Bobby Neidorff, Jeff Greenberg, Madelyn Greenberg and Joel Hollander.

The evening started with a delicious dinner catered by Paula Binus.

1. Welcome and Comments: President Michael Cohen called the meeting to order and welcomed everybody including the new members. He stated that exciting things are around the corner. He then honored past President Roz Sky. He said she was a faithful member and noted how she has worked her way up the ranks. He added that she gracefully accepted the role of President when asked, after Michael Tomor left the area. He also noted her continued interest and good works that she does for children and the community at large. He then gave her the gift from the Board. It was a beautiful and unique menorah. In addition, a contribution was given in her honor to Big Brothers & Big Sisters as well as the Andy Jubelirer Fund.
2. Minutes of October 24,2008 was presented. Joel Hollander made a motion that the minutes be accepted. Motion was seconded by Yale Schulman and passed by those present.
3. Federation reports:

a. Campaign 2007 report -

Total pledged thru January 10,2008 -	\$184,881.94
Number pledged -	141
Amount paid-	\$181,788.17

New contributors -	14
Amount-	\$2,026.00
Increased pledges -	37
Amount-	\$3,800.30
Decreased pledges-	5
Amount-	\$4,436.39
2007 Andy Juelirer Scholarship Fund-	\$3,500.00
Total in Fund-	\$21,126.67 - almost all
	this amount is in CDs at 5% interest. We will use this for the Yes Camp
	Fund. People will be notified of this source of funding..

Campaign 2006 report -

Total pledged thru January 23-	\$181,683.13
Total paid-	\$181,683.13
Amount due -	\$ 0.00
Number of contributors -	139
New Contributors -	20
Amount-	\$1,504.00
Increased pledges -	32
Amount-	\$7,921.22
Decreased pledges -	13
Amount -	\$3,062.83
2006 Israel Emergency -	\$12,775.00
Number of contributors-	20
2006 Andy Jubelirer Scholarship Fund -	\$2,635.00
Total in Fund -	\$17,626.67
Computer for Cyber Classroom -	\$5000.00

b. Allocations for 2008 -

- i. Endowment allocations – At this time, Mickey Port reported on the topic of "Save Darfur-Central PA". Since this has been named "Genocide" by President

Bush and the U.N., Jewish organizations have taken up the cause because of the commitment to "Never Again". Southern California and the national community through Jewish World Watch has donated solar cookers, backpacks and other needed items to aid in this cause. There is now a coalition working at the state level. Locally, the involvement has grown from four individuals to many. Lee Ann DeReus is heading the effort locally. On Saturday, February 2nd. local High School students will be at Barnes&Nobel (in their bright green Save Darfur shirts, of course) from 10 a.m. to 5p.m. raising awareness about the genocide. A percentage of all sales will go for the purchase of civilian protection for refugee women (\$3 for one year). Students will hold a "Break the Fast" at Bishop Guilfoyle to raise funds. State College, North Bedford and Hollidaysburg schools are all getting involved. Jan Housman stated that 50 students from her area are going to hear Lee Ann DeReus speak. She added that her school is realizing the importance of diversity groups.

Neil Port explained what the two Endowment Funds covered. He then presented the Petsonk allocations which included \$2,500 to be earmarked for Save Dafur. He motioned that the entire allocations be accepted. Motion was seconded by Mickey and passed by those present. Then he presented the Port allocations which again had \$2,500 earmarked for Save Dafur. He motioned that the Port allocations be accepted. It was seconded by Madelyn Greenberg and passed by the group. The Endowment allocations are attached to the minutes.

- ii. Federation allocations were presented by Bill Wallen. Joel Hollander made a motion that the allocations be accepted. Motion was seconded by Madelyn Greenberg and passed by those present. The Allocations spreadsheet is

attached to the minutes.

4. Program plans and Updates:

a. Film Festival - Feb.21 and 28; March 6 and 13. Len Zimmerman is chairman and has done a great job. Brochures were distributed and group was advised that their help was needed in marketing – selling tickets and encouraging attendance.

b. Love Feast – Dave and Paula Binus along with two of their workers were praised for the great work they did in providing food and cooking. The turkeys are cooked by Doug Simon at the Casino which is a big help. Donations of money, desserts and workers were all that was needed from the community members. Over 40 adults and children helped in preparing and serving 150 individuals. In addition, 50 meals were sent home and the leftover food was taken to the Men's Shelter. Our community has already been scheduled for the same time next year.

c. Israel Independence Day Celebration – tentative date is May 4, 2008. It will be Israel's 60th. birthday. A community wide celebration is being planned and will not be just for one day. Sunday School will also be involved. Contact Bill Wallen with your suggestions,

d. Adult Education – Michael Cohen reported that it was important to get everyone involved. A tentative Living Room Learning is planned for April through August. Books about Jewish Identity could be discussed. More information concerning this will be coming. A survey will also be sent to see what people are interested in concerning adult education. These surveys will also be available at the Film Festival.

5. Executive Director's report: Bill Wallen presented his report in writing. It is part of the official minutes.

6. Good and Welfare:

Weinberg wedding – Congratulations to Ellen Weinberg and Ken Marowitz on their January 6th. wedding.

Condolences to Gerry Bergstein and family on the death of his sister Anna Siegal.

Speedy recovery to Morley Cohn following his recent appendectomy.

Congratulations to Norma Sevel's grandson Michael Holzer who became engaged to Heather Drier.

The monthly Sunday Minyan breakfasts at Agudath Achim are open to the entire community. They begin at 8:45 a.m. and the first one will be held January 27th.

The schedule also includes upcoming dates: February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4.

Please RSVP to Heidi at the synagogue office (944-5317) – that will help with food preparations.

Temple Beth Israel is having dinner on February 1st. at the Altoona Hotel at 6 p.m. prior to Friday service. The greater Jewish community is invited but space is limited to 35, so please make your reservations by calling Temple office Tuesday January 29th.

Motion was made by Ronna Lasser to adjourn meeting, was seconded by Neil Rudel.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.