

To: The Greater Altoona Jewish Federation
From: Marilyn Muhlfelder, Secretary
Re: Minutes from the Board meeting of Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Those present were Marilyn Muhlfelder, Bill Wallen, Michael Cohen, Norma Sevel, David Binus, Bobby Neidorff, Jeff Greenberg, Madelyn Greenberg, Joel Hollander, Henry Weinberg, Mickey Port, Neil Port, Neil Rudel, Barry Rudel, Phyllis Port, Rey Altberg and Steve Port.

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

1. Welcome and Comments: President Michael Cohen called the meeting to order and welcomed everybody. He thanked Dave and Paula Binus for the nice meal. He then recognized Barry Rudel, UJC representative who will speak to us later.
- 2.. Minutes of September 24, 2008 was presented. Neil Port made a motion that the minutes be accepted. Motion was seconded by Joel Hollander and passed by those present.
3. Financial reports:
 - a. Campaign 2008 update -

Total pledged thru December 8, 2008 -	\$ 173,922.00
Total projected by end of campaign -	\$182,500.00
Number pledged -	100
Amount paid-	\$ 87,257.70
New Contributors -	7
Amount -	\$442.00
Increased Pledges -	25
Amount -	\$2,154.00
Decreased Pledges -	8
Amount -	\$2,820.00

2008 Andy Jubelirer Scholarship Fund-	\$2,550.00
Total in Fund-	\$23,676.67
Campaign 2007 report -	
Total pledged	\$184,881.94
# pledged	141
Total paid-	\$184,881.94
New Contributors -	14
Amount-	\$2,026.00
Increased pledges -	37
Amount-	\$3,800.30
Decreased pledges -	5
Amount -	\$4,436.29
2007 Andy Jubelirer Scholarship Fund -	\$ 3,500
Total in Fund -	\$21,126.67

b. Allocations for 2009 -

- i. Neil Port presented the Port and Petsonk allocations. He discussed the differences between the two endowments. He added that the value of the investments have decreased. Motion to accept the allocations was presented by Neil Port and was seconded by Marilyn Muhlfelder. Motion was passed by those present.
- ii. Federation allocations was presented by Bill Wallen. Norma Sevel requested that the money previously allocated to Beit Warszawa (Poland) be given again this year. Michael Cohen stated that this would be discussed with the Executive Committee. Motion was made by Neil Rudel to accept the allocations and was seconded by Mickey Port. Motion was passed by those present.

4. Program plans and updates -

- a. Love Feast – Saturday, December 27th. Again, the food will be provided and the cooking will be done by volunteers plus Dave and Paula Binus and their staff. We will need money donations, desserts and volunteers. Several from 7:30 to 11 A.M., many more from 11 A.M. till around 2 P.M. to serve and then help clean up. Pick your times and come and participate in this well worth endeavor.
 - b. Interfaith service on Social Justice – Sunday January 18th. at the Jr. High School. An E-mail will be sent concerning this event.
 - c. Film Festival – February 19 and 26. March 5 and 12th. The four films have been selected and we are ready to go. Information and tickets will be distributed.
 - d. Judy Meisel and Holocaust programming is scheduled for April 2009. Ms. Meisel will be 80 years old in February. She has seen 7500 kids thus far in her presentations in our area.
 - e. "Its Business" show is scheduled for Spring 2009. Johnstown is getting it.
 - f. A Shirley Goldfarb exhibit and book review is being held at SAMA.
5. Israel Bonds staffing- The Israel Bonds office in Pittsburgh is closing the middle of December. Harold Marcus will be the only one working in our area.
 6. Website update – Is still under construction. Goal is for after the first of the year.
 7. Executive Director's report - Bill Wallen presented his report in writing. It is part of the official minutes. Michael Cohen thanked Bill Wallen for his good work and Steve Port also praised Bill for all he does.
 8. UJC Representative comments – Barry Rudel reported that he liked working with Bill Wallen and he commended the whole community for its work. He has taken our 100% membership goal to others. He stated that our Newsletter was outstanding. He added that there will be a meeting in Atlanta on February first. His final remark was

that the security fence in Israel has made the people feel more secure.

9. Other Business – none at this time.

10. Good and Welfare:

- a. Condolences were expressed to David and Paula Binus on her mother's death.
- b. It was announced that 70 people participated in the Hay ride. The group spoke of wanting the same thing next year.
- c. Henry Weinberg reported that 220 young people were at a Diversity program at AAC and other downtown congregations. Those participating were Cantor Horowitz, Adele Giller, Ilissa Zimmerman, Ginger Glass, Erica Schmidt and Jean Dollinger.
- d. It was noted that Rhahm Emanuel was appointed Chief-of-Staff by President Elect Obama.
- e. Cantor and Judi Sue Meisner requested that a letter be sent to the Editor concerning the terrorist attack on Mumbai. Bill Wallen is working on a letter to be sent.
- f. Esther Nederlander is in the Altoona Hospital. She suffered a stroke. She later passed away.
- f. Michael Cohen thanked us all for coming.

Meeting was adjourned.