

To: The Greater Altoona Jewish Federation Board
From: Bill Wallen, Executive Director
Re: Minutes from the Board meeting of December 16, 2009

Those present were: Bill Wallen, Neil Rudel, Ronna Lasser, Judi Sue Meisner, Joel Hollander, Bob Neidorff, Jan Housman, Madelyn Greenberg, Jeff Greenberg, Roz Sky, Bob Gordon, Norma Sevel, Mickey Port, Neil Port, Nancy Devorris and Michael Cohen.

1. Welcome and comments – Mike Cohen welcomed everyone and wished all a Happy Chanukkah and reviewed the packet of handouts. He introduced Bob Gordon as a new member representing Temple Beth Israel.
2. Minutes of meeting, October 7, 2009 – The minutes had been emailed soon after the meeting and also are on the Federation website. On motion of Joel Hollander and second of Norma Sevel, the Board approved them as written.
3. Financial reports

a. Campaign 2009 update

Total Pledged thru Dec 15, 2009	\$144,632.00
Projected by close of campaign	\$164,000.00
# Pledged	96
Amount Paid	\$130,503.13
New Contributors	5
Amount	\$179.00
Increased Pledges	1
Amount	\$162.00
Decreased Pledges	14
Amount	\$11,789.00
2009 Andy Jubelirer Scholarship Fund	\$2,500.00
Total in Fund	\$26,176.67

Bill explained that the poor economy coupled with several deaths and people moving resulted in a lower campaign for 2009.

b. Allocations for 2010

- i. Endowments – On a motion of Nancy Devorris and seconded by Ronna Lasser and unanimous vote of the Board, The allocations of the endowments were approved.
- ii. Campaign – On a motion by Neil Rudel and seconded by Mickey Port, the Board unanimously approved the allocations as presented on the spreadsheet. In addition, the Board requested the allocations and Executive Committees consider an allocation to Birthright Israel.

4. Nominating Committee Report

- a. Officers – On behalf of the committee, Roz Sky nominated the current slate of officers to serve for the years 2010-2012. Motion was seconded by Neil Rudel and approved unanimously.

Executive Committee Members

President	Mike Cohen
V. President	Len Zimmerman
Secretary	Marilyn Muhlfelder
Treasurer	Neil Rudel
Past President	Roz Sky
Com Member	Paula Pimentel
Com Member	Mickey Port

- b. Board members 2010-2012 – Roz then nominated Board members for 2010-2012. Neil seconded and they were unanimously approved.

Board Members Two year term:

Rey	Altberg
David	Binus
Nancy	Devorris
Jean	Dolinger
Adele	Giller
Bob	Gordon
Jeff	Greenberg
Madelyn	Greenberg
Joel	Hollander
Jan	Housman
Ronna	Lasser
Carol	Lipitz
Judi Sue	Meisner
Shirley	Pechter
Phyllis	Port
Tobi	Rispoli
Al	Roth
Michele	Schmidt
Yale	Schulman
Norma	Sevel

Henry Weinberg
Greg Werstil
Ilissa Zimmerman

Honorary members:

Clark Adelman - President JMC
Sandra Knepp – President Temple
Elliott Bilofsky - President AAC

5. Website update – As of today, we have had 1032 visitors and 3524 visits. Michael reported there is now a tab for Facebook on the homepage. He mentioned various new videos including the video with Hy Adelman, thanks to Ginger Glass and Madelyn Greenberg. There was a suggestion to video Jan Housman’s Holocaust presentation and include it. Another suggestion was to have more information on Darfur and the Congo. Michael stated he would be happy to post these and other articles/videos. He encouraged people to email material. Ronna thanked him for his outstanding work on the website.
6. Program plans and updates
 - a. Love Feast, Saturday December 26, 2009 – Volunteers and contributors are still needed.
 - b. Interfaith service on Social Justice, Sunday January 17, 2009 – This is the 2nd year Hazzan Michael will lead a children’s choir and Bill will be an MC.
 - c. PJ Library update – We still have 14 children enrolled. An email was sent to other parents encouraging them to enroll as a Chanukkah present for their children.
 - d. Film Festival – February 18 & 25, March 4 & 11
 - i. Committee meeting 12/21/2009 – Final film selections will be made.
 - e. Possible visit from the Israeli Consul stationed in Philadelphia. He is interested in visiting State College, Johnstown and Altoona. Bill will follow-up.
7. Meeting with UJC Reps – Michael and Bill met with Stan Sinsky and Jim Lodge who appeared more open to our needs as a small community. We will follow-up with some ideas and report more at the next meeting.
8. Executive Director’s report – Bill’s report is attached to the official copy of the minutes.
9. Other business – None.
10. Good and welfare
 - a. Mazel Tov to Phyllis and Steve Port who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 21.

- b. Mazel Tov on milestone birthdays to Jerry Wayne, Henry Weinberg, Fay Schmitt, Rosie Karp and Sam Kaplan.
- c. Condolences to the families on the death of Ed Hand on Oct. 13, Marty Weinstein on Nov. 14 and Hy Adelman on Nov. 19.
- d. Thanks to Bob Gordon for joining the Board.
- e. Mazel Tov (see website under Member Happenings)
 - i. Kevin and Jamie Wallen on the birth of their son Eli.
 - ii. The Schmidt and Newborn families on Danielle's engagement.

Next Federation Board meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2010.