

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF HARRISON
MINUTES OF THE JCCH ANNUAL MEETING
June 7, 2020

In Attendance: Rabbi Hammerman, Cantor Marcos Askenazi, Marty Rogowsky, Tobi Rogowsky, Arnie Lewis, Carol Silverman, James Dubin, Mark Teich, Ann Hollander, Bill Herman, Bobby Ordover, Dan Rube, David Gross, Deborah Bers, Deborah Schiff, Cheryl Pine, Geri Rubenstein, Lois Fenton, Paula Lapkin, Michael Hyatt, Deanna Miller, Lou Cooper, Marilyn Zelman, Marvin and Susan Reiss, Minna and Ken Brown, Nancy Lewittes, Rachel Berkey, Rae Baczek, Robin Topol, Sandra Marrow, Lou Snitkin, Sue Pearson, Sylvia Rogers, Wendy Levi, Carla Ifrah, Donna Spiegel, Doris Gruenfeld, Eileen Lieberman, Florence Kraut, Halley Weinreb, Heather Schwartz, Ilana Webster, James Levi, Jay, Jeff Udell, Jeremy Toeman, Jerry Lieberman, Joan Brustman, Keith Satter, Marjorie Leffler, Eric Nussbaum. Names taken from list of 57 participants on zoom, many with more than one participant present.

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Marty Rogowsky	Call to Order	8:05 PM
Marty Rogowsky	Outgoing President's Report	This has been a difficult year, beginning with the blackout last summer, and then with the shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic since March. We have made several capital improvements to the building, including a new roof and upgrades in the gym. Rabbi, Cantor and Ronit have developed many creative programs and services on zoom. Will discuss the coming year in the Incoming President's Report later.
Rabbi	Update	This week's parsha is about being elevated. Hope to feel elevated coming out of this meeting and this whole experience during COVID-19. Quoted Pirke Avot "Don't look at the container, look at what's inside." This year could not have been predicted – but last summer after our blackout we said, "A synagogue is not a building, a synagogue is a community." Normal things happened this year: This year strengthened our relationship with the Harrison Food Pantry. Had Shabbatot last summer during our blackout with the Young Israel of Harrison. Had Shabbat Under the Stars. Kehillah students welcomed an Israeli Olympic swimmer and other speakers. Had a trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage for a Holocaust exhibit. Then came March and the shutdown. We've been in touch with the whole congregation and offer more services and programs than when we're in the building. We're very proud of what's inside the container.
James Levi	Financial Presentation	With three weeks to go we anticipate a deficit of \$4,000 (had been projected as \$13,000). Had full financial audit that found nothing materially wrong but there were a large number of opportunities for us to implement better practices. Presented the budget for 2020-21. The government PPP loan will help us meet the deficit projected

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		in Scenario I which is the more optimistic scenario. Motion to approve budget, seconded. Voted online. Overwhelmingly approved.
Keith Satter	Nominating Committee Report	Presented nominations for Executive Board and Board of Trustees. One ballot for both the Board of Trustees (adding one Board member, Rachel Berkey) and executive committee. Keith and the moved to approve this slate, seconded. Voted online. Nominations approved.
Marty Rogowsky	Incoming President Remarks	Thanked the members leaving the Board and Executive Committee. Preview of upcoming year: established a High Holiday Task Force to explore various options. Decision will be made in the next 4 weeks. Need to decide whether or not to hold outdoor services this summer, now that the Governor has allowed small groups. Have established a small committee led by Lara Buchwald to explore bringing ECC back to the building. Promised: "This will be my last year." Stay safe everybody.
Marty Rogowsky	Adjournment	8:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Marjorie Leffler