



**WRJ Temple Israel Sisterhood
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 17, 2018 – 9 Cheshvan 5779**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:35 p.m. AND ESTABLISHED A QUORUM –
Melissa Faber**

The following members were present: Deborah Bilsky, Sarah Eckstein, Melissa Faber, Lisa Frisch, Debbie Jackson, Wendy Lippin, Missy Lurie, Sue Pfeffer, Cathy Poulin, Sondra Price, and Jennifer Ross.

The following Executive Board member were not present: Waynette Besser, Julie Boshwit, Rochelle Fenton, Jennifer Goldberg, Sheryl Gorden, Sheila Hahn, Gina Jolly, Cathy Kessler, Nancy Kline, Rena Rose, Laurie Scheidt, and, Kathy Wexler.

D'var Torah- All

**Baruch atah, Adoani Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu
b'mitzvotav,vtzivanu laasok, b'divrei Torah.**

**Blessed are you, Adonai our G-d, Sovereign of the Universe, who hallows
us with mitzvot, commanding us to engage in words of Torah.**

Cathy Poulin read *The Light of God* from *Covenant of the Generations* pgs. 8-9 reflecting the need for women to join with their sisters, building and improving themselves and their community through laughter and gratitude.

REVIEW MEETING MINUTES & APPROVAL – DEBORAH BILSKY

The minutes from the September 16, 2018 Executive Committee meeting were presented and accepted with corrections to the heading date and a spelling error in a member name.

Treasurer's Report

Melissa Faber presented Gina Jolly's report with the following balances:

First Tennessee Checking \$ 27,353.96 as of 10/05/18

Highland Capital \$132,067.96 as of 09/30/18
 (monthly increase -\$44.77; YTD -\$1.63)

Yom Kippur Break Fast
 Budgeted \$400.00
 Expenses \$369.12

Sukkot Lunch N Learn
 Budgeted \$150.00
 Expenses \$97.66 (1 possible outstanding receipt not included)

Donations reflecting October 2018		Balances	
General Sisterhood	Aug 2018	\$216.00	\$586.00
Temple Grounds/Beautification	Aug 2018	\$201.00	\$647.00
Service to the Blind	Aug 2018	\$ 36.00	\$489.00
Beulah Voss Library	Aug 2018	\$125.00	\$9,340.17
Total	Aug 2018	\$578.00	\$11,062.60

Everyone was reminded to turn in all receipts with reimbursement vouchers completed. Blank reimbursement forms may be found in the treasurer’s folder in the Sisterhood office. WRJ’s tax exempt ID number can be found at the bottom of the reimbursement form. Because Sisterhood does not reimburse for tax, please use the form to insure accuracy. Purchases made from businesses where a tax-free account has already been established Temple’s account may be used. WRJ and Temple Israel’s ID numbers are the same. Shopping at Costco was discouraged due to the complexity of making tax exempt purchases there. It was also noted that a meeting has been scheduled with Highland Capital to review investment procedures and maturation scheduling.

Membership Secretary Report

Jennifer Ross reported that our current membership is 579 as of 10/05/2018. Currently, there are 421 *Sustaining*, 9 *Woman of Valor*, 11 *Chesed*, 25 *Kavod*, 73 *Simcha*, 8 *Clergy*, and 32 *New Temple Members*. 93 are overdue for renewal. Jennifer and Judy Royal are strategically contacting members who have not yet renewed via personal notes, membership mailers and email. An additional email reminder is being prepared for sharing in the coming weeks. Melissa recommended that the committee set a deadline of 2 weeks in which to complete member registrations drive. A report on the New Member Mingle will be given in November by Liz Simonian.

Corresponding Secretary

Cathy Poulin reported for Julie Boshwit that the following thank you notes/acknowledgements were received

- From Jenny Herman, a note of thanks for the support that WRJ-Sisterhood provides in multiple areas that benefit the congregation and larger community.
- From Joanne Markell, a thank you note.
- From Leigh Hendry, Executive Director, Plough Towers, a thank you for Rosh Hashanah gifts provided to residents.

President's Report

Melissa Faber reported

- The theme *Be Here Now*, as stressed during the High Holy Days, will be encouraged as an ongoing tenet for Sisterhood involvement. In the last Board meeting of Temple Trustees, Temple President Mark Fogleman complimented WRJ-Sisterhood for our outreach and depth of investment in the mission of Temple Israel as a congregation. Melissa encouraged everyone to voice their concerns or note possible problem issues if they arise, underscoring her desire to maintain Sisterhood's history of transparency in all areas.
- Sukkot Lunch 'N Learn with Rabbi Feivel Strauss was held on Monday, September 24, 12:00 -1:00 p.m. at Temple Israel. Due to rain, it was moved from the sukkah into the courtyard gallery. 43 members enjoyed Rabbi Strauss's thoughts on happiness, followed by a meditation. Helping Sheryl Gorden prepare food were Melissa Faber, Bobbie Shainberg, Kathy Wexler, Floy Bluestein, Nancy Sissman, Linda Bedrin. Flowers from the Temple refrigerator were repurposed as table décor and paper goods were taken from the Temple supply. In addition to wraps and chips, volunteers were able to use remaining fresh fruit from Rosh Hashanah for lunch. Kitchen staff set up water and tea. It was also noted that because this event currently has no chair and requires little preparation and few volunteers, it may serve as a perfect starter program for someone wishing to get involved in WRJ programming.
- 2018 Southwest District 6th Biennial Convention will be held from November 1-4 in New Orleans. LA. Eleven members will be representing Temple Israel Sisterhood at this conference in order to develop leadership skills, to gather programming and fundraising ideas, and to strengthen contacts with other Sisterhoods in our geographic area. This training will aid in planning and executing events in the future, but will also help develop leaders for the coming years. Those attending are: Melissa Faber, Waynette Besser, Debbie Jackson, Soozie Waxman, Wendy Lippin, Phyllis Gregory, Sarah Eckstein, Stephanie Petersen, Jennifer Ross, Cathy Kessler, and Sheila Hahn.

- Sue Pfeffer reported for Judy Royal on the Holland Bulb Sale. The Bulb Store will be open Sunday, October 28 -Thursday, November 4, 2018 in the JCC pool house. Volunteers will be needed to staff shifts from 10:00-1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. each day. Judy Royal is currently contacting via email those who have volunteered previously to verify shift dates and times.
- For Rosh Chodesh in the month of Kislev, we are taking a break from everything and discussing Jewish fashion through the centuries. A few surprises in the dress code will be presented. Don't miss this unique celebration of Jewish fashion on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Temple Israel Adult Lounge. Please RSVP online to attend. Contact Teri Peacock if you have questions.
- WRJ/ Brotherhood will jointly volunteer to serve at 1st Presbyterian Soup Kitchen on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Volunteers will be assisting in food service, writing prayer cards, and/or working in the clothing store. Volunteers are needed.
- Suzie Bender and Soozie Waxman will be chairing and staffing for our annual Chanukah Marketplace to be held on Sunday, November 18, 2018. Set up is planned for Saturday, November 17, 2018. A large number of volunteers, serving in a variety of jobs, are needed to make this major undertaking a success.

Judaica Shop Report

Sue Pfeffer reported that use of the new computer had begun in August, so the balances reported are from August thru September. Balances reflect total sales, without cost deductions.

August 2017	\$3,537.28
August 2018	\$2,983.10
Gain/Loss	(\$554.18)
September 2017	\$3,635.28
September 2018	\$1,891.67
Gain/Loss	(\$1,743.61)
Aug-Sept 2017	\$7,172.66
Aug-Sept 2018	\$4,784.77
Gain/Loss	(\$2,387.89)

Vice Presidents' Reports

Melissa Faber reported for Waynette Besser

- Communication & Publicity reported that the E Voice is always published the 1st Friday of the month.
- WRJ Mazel Tov Card mailer is planned for 10/22/2018.
- Game Night was held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. with 9 in attendance. It was felt that the low attendance was due to being scheduled during fall break for most schools. This should be a factor in planning for next year.

Sara Eckstein reported

- MIFA cooking was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Temple kitchen. Volunteers are encouraged to join the group to cook on Wednesday, November 3, 2018 at the same time. There will be no MIFA cooking in December.
- Movie Club met on Tuesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. Thirteen members and friends enjoyed a showing of *Crazy Rich Asians*. Sign up to be part of the Movie Club contact group. Carol Hoxie will be selecting a movie for October 30, 2018. Once finalized, details will be provided via the movie club email group.
- Mother Bear is expanding its group to include a p.m. knitting which will include providing knitting instruction. The Thursday afternoon will continue to meet on the regular schedule.
- Online sales of *See's Candy* will launch on Friday, October 5, 2018. This year's sale will offer gourmet spices and three salsa spice blends in addition to a wide variety of candy selections. All profits help support Sisterhood programming. All orders must be placed prior to November 25 for onsite pickup on Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- *Dazzle* fundraiser will be held on Monday, November 26, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Temple members Michael and Amy Egerman, owners of *Dazzle*, will host a special sales event with 15% of all sales to benefit WRJ- Sisterhood. Please mention Sisterhood when you shop.

Sondra Price reported

- The Jewish Home & Rehab Birthday Party will be held on Thursday, October 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Jewish Home. Residents whose birthdays fall in October will be celebrated. Volunteers are needed to assist

bringing residents to the party room, serving cake and ice cream as well as help with bingo. Please contact Judy Felsenthal if you can help.

- Plough Towers Bingo will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. In order to affordably provide for bingo prizes, it was decided that money budgeted will be evenly divided between November and December events. Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs. Please contact Cathy Poulin if you can volunteer.
- The annual Consecration/WRJ/MRJ Chanukah dinner has been scheduled for Friday, December 7, 2018 following services. RSVPs and name tags will be handled by Temple staff. Additional tables will be provided for late registrations and/or drop-ins. Volunteers will be needed for set up on Thursday, December 6. Reuse of table decorations from the pre-school's Chanukah dinner are being considered.
- **LOL with WRJ** fundraiser will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to RSVP as soon as possible. Laurie and Elkan Scheidt will be hosting the VIP event to be held prior to the main show. Regular admission is \$36.00/person, \$60.00/couple, but the VIP tickets will be \$150.00/person or \$250.00/couple. Print invitations will soon be mailed to all Temple members. Tickets are available through the Sisterhood website. A suggestion was made to include a *utube* posting of a sample performance of Amanda Goldstein Marks.

Melissa Faber reported for **Kathy Wexler**

- Congregational Break-the-Fast was served following Yom Kippur services on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Leslie Rochkind served as chair of this event, supervising 5 volunteers who baked kugels in house and an additional 15 volunteers who dropped off coffee cakes to be served at Break Fast. Herring, lox spread, bagels, as well as coffee and juice were also served. \$369.12 of the \$400.00 budget was spent. Suggestions for next year's Break Fast included having someone check the tables at 5:15 to make sure all serving utensils were in place, dropping the number of tables prepared from 10 to 8, and offering more accessible trash bins, especially on the coffee tables. Because Yom Kippur falls on the same weekday next year, it was also suggested that the same timeline be used for baking, plating, and the delivery of baked goods.
- The next Faith Club meeting will be a book surfing event with our sister congregation in Shoham, Israel on Sunday, October 21 from 12:00- 2:00 p.m. in the conference room at Temple Israel. The theme will be

memories. Please RSVP by October 14, 2018. Light appetizers and beverages will be provided. Those who would like to share a reading, please send a copy to Sheila Hahn via email, so that it can be duplicated prior to the meeting. Wendy Lippin will be leading the discussion.

- Ladies Night Out will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Interested members should RSVP online because space is limited. Plan to meet for a Dutch treat dinner with a set menu at *Mosa Bistro* on South White Station Road. Laurie Scheidt and Kathy Wexler will be overseeing this event with an Asian themed activity planned for those who attend.
- WRJ College Connection mailed Rikki's Cookies to over 100 college age children of Temple members. Natalie Royal oversaw this sweet holiday outreach.

Unfinished Business

Melissa Faber presented for **Nancy Kline**, Nominating Committee Chair regarding those who have been tapped to serve on the 2020-2021 WRJ Nominating Committee:

Standing Committee

Nancy Kline

Gina Jolly (Holdover)

Present Board of Directors

Jennifer Goldberg

Jennifer Ross

Laurie Scheidt

General Membership

Jan Klein

Elise Meyer

Sara Eckstein moved to accept the slate for Nominating Committee, Debbie Jackson 2nd. Slate was accepted unanimously.

New Business

- Melissa Faber reported that Temple Israel is still seeking a new Communication / Marketing Director and there are plans to add additional clergy.
- A written report was provided detailing the need for a computer replacement/upgrade for the computer and printer currently in use by WRJ officers. Recommendations from Tamburrino, Temple Israel's service/ support provider, were also included in the report. Cost estimates were provided. Particular focus was given to the challenges and limitations for WRJ print needs because the office has no working printer at this time. The proposal was made to purchase an additional 6 GB memory for the aging Mac in the office. Debbie Jackson moved to purchase additional memory for the computer. Jennifer Ross 2nd. It was agreed that \$140.00 will be used for this purchase.

- By laws require that each Director maintain a binder which maintains reports which provide details and costs for all WRJ events which fall under their oversight/ responsibility. Melissa has recommended that all Directors store their reports additionally in Google Drive from this point forward, with the intent to move to complete digital storage in the future.

The next Full Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14 at 5:30 pm.

Jennifer Ross moved that the meeting be adjourned and Sara Eckstein seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Bilsky
Recording Secretary