

Hamilton Jewish Family Services

Minutes - Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 7:00 pm via Zoom

Hanna Schayer welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Carol Adler the agenda as presented be approved. Seconded by Howard Eisenberg.

PASSED

Approval of Minutes

Three sets of minutes were circulated for approval:

- September 20, 2022 (AGM)
- December 6, 2022 (Special Meeting)
- February 7, 2023 (Special Meeting)

Moved by Gord Garshowitz the minutes of the AGM and two special meetings that were circulated be approved. Seconded by Carol Adler.

PASSED

Introduction of Sherry Parsley, Interim Executive Director

Hanna Schayer reported that Heather McLean, ED left the agency in May 2023. In the interim, Sherry Parsley from the Osbourne Group was hired to oversee the operations and assist in the search of a new Executive Director for Hamilton Jewish Family Services.

Chair's Report

Hannah Schayer indicated this would be her last report as Chair of HJFS. She has served as Chair of HJFS for the last three years. During this time, she has seen many challenges and changes HJFS, but HJFS was always there to help/assist individuals in the community less fortunate. Hannah thanked the board and staff for the support during her term as chair.

Cindy Mark thanked Hanna Schayer for her commitment to HJFS over the years and noted that she "always lead with her heart".

Director of Operations Report

Christine Nusca provided an interim report of the current operations of HJFS. She highlighted that during this time HJFS is adjusting to the many changes and working with Vine and Partners on the audit for fiscal year end March 31st, 2023

Director of Programing Report

Jane Allen, provided an interim report of the programs currently being offered by HJFS. HJFS continues to support to Holocaust survivors, seniors, life navigation and referrals to clients.

Food Bank Co-ordinator Report

Rachel Bernholtz provided a report on the current status of the Carol's Cupboard, Kosher Food Bank. At this time, there are a record number of clients using Carol's Cupboard. Due to the increase of usage of the Food Bank, the Food Bank Committee with Board approval limited visits to the food bank within a certain enhancement area of HJFS.

HJFS is hosting a Food Bank Open House on July 16th and extended Board members to attend.

Financial Overview

Greg Matusovsky provided an abbreviated reported on the current financial status of HJFS as the audit has not yet been completed. The audited statements will be presented for approval at another meeting scheduled for September. Clear Insight has been hired to provide accounting services.

2022/23 was a challenging year for HFS. Our expenses were higher than income taken in and changes had to be made. After COVID, government support decreased. This year's wine tasting fundraiser "Bring Back the Magic" raised \$50,000 in support of the Kosher Food Bank.

Greg Matusovsky moved the financial report be approved as presented. Seconded by Cindy Mark.

Passed

Outgoing and Incoming Board Members

Outgoing Board members: Hanna Schayer thanked Mel Enkin and Andrea Zians for their long time commitment and involvement with the agency and as members of the Board. Both Mel and Andrea will be resigning from the board.

Incoming Board members: Hanna Schayer presented the board members for 2023/24.

Carol Adler, Gord Garshowitz, Laura Herman, Adrian Jaspan, Geraldine Katz, Cindy Mark, Greg Matusofsky, Andrea Molot, Iris Rinkoff, Hanna Schayer, Clareta Schoenberg.

Hannah thanked everyone and their commitment to the agency.

Motion to approve the slate for the 2023/24 board be approved as presented was moved by Hannah Schayer and seconded by Susan Roth.

Passed

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Howard Eisenberg and seconded by Robin Zilberg.

Passed