

December 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: Judith Axler, Jeff Braff, Elena Cappella, Jim Duffin, Michele Ettinger, Gil Feinberg, Matt Fontana, Jared Gluskin, Larry Goldberg, Bill Goldstein, Rick Gross, Barbara Halpern, Richard Huffman, Susan Kahn, Wayne Macfadden, Douglas Mellor, Maggie Mund, Ryan Mulholland, Lauren O'Donnell, Harvey Ostroff, Charles Robin, Nan Robinson, David Rose, Richard Speizman, Richard Vaughn, Ben Weinraub, Irena Wight, Ben Zuckerman

Excused: Tina Breslow, Nathaniel Parks, Chuck Goodwin

Guest: Richard Pasquier

Approval of November 9, 2021 Minutes: Minutes will be corrected to show that Jeff Braff was present. Motion to approve corrected minutes was passed.

Discussion held regarding holding Board meetings less frequently than every month. Attendees were in favor of continuing monthly meetings.

Travis Oliver Office Report: Social media and email readership increased. There is an increasing number of complaints regarding bicycle riding on sidewalks. Board members need to submit conflict of interest and pledge forms to Travis.

Breslow communication contract: Breslow has been very helpful over the past few years; possible conflict because mother is board member. The daughter is the principal in the relationship with CCRA; she does all of the work. Board previously waived conflict years ago after lengthy discussion. Contract provides for reasonable fees; requires 30-day updates from Breslow on status and strategy. The mother (board member) does not receive any direct benefit from contract with Board as required by Board rules. Board needs to knowingly waive conflict. Current contract provides for \$100 more per month than prior contract. A motion was made to approve the contract then waive the conflict. An amended motion was made to waive the conflict and then approve the contract. The motion to waive the conflict passed with 1 opposition. The motion to approve the contract passed with 1 opposition and 2 abstentions.

Financial report: Board intends to use surplus funds to improve programs that CCRA committees are working on. The board must engage accountant under the law. There was a task force to find new accountant. The task force's proposal is in the drop box. A motion to accept the committee's recommendation for the accountant engagement was unanimously approved.

Casino night will be January 27, 2022 at the Ethical Society. CCRA is expected to net \$25k from Casino night. \$50 ticket must be purchased by each Board member per Board pledge.

75th anniversary in June: \$100 per ticket is required by each Board member per Board pledge. Goal to reduce fundraising next year.

Trashforce presentation: Uniformity is important in terms of container size; increases efficiency and reduces mess. Suggested pilot program with data collection and uniform CCRA trash

receptacles and bags in certain blocks. Will prepare report for Board to propose pilot program or other suggestions.

Diversity Equity Inclusion and Justice Presentation: Ideas included social media, educational, partnership with charter school, and small business fund. A motion for a resolution of support that CCRA continues to advance agenda of this committee was unanimously passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting was unanimously passed.