

Present: Carol Freedman-Doan, Rosalie Koenig, Harvey Sommers, Rob Deschaine, Jennifer Traig, Fruma Taub, Charles Weaver, Michael Appell, Deborah Greene, Lauren Gold, Midge Cone, Amanda Fahim, Linda Grekin, Jeff Basch

Welcome Rosalie Koenig, our new Education Chair!

Rosalie is a former AAPS teacher who can help us navigate the district. We still need a housing lead. JFS can help support this person. If anyone is interested or knows anyone, please come forward! We also are looking for a co-signer and Rita may have a lead. JFS reports that a co-signer has never been left in financial jeopardy.

Financial updates

Donor letters have been sent. Rita will contact congregational liaisons to follow up with phone calls.

Rob: We received \$5058 this summer for a total of \$6091. The donor letter likely helped. The federal government and JFS will also contribute funds to resettlement; if we include those funds, we are at \$15k. Do we count those funds? To be discussed at our next meeting. Last year those funds were a separate pot.

Expenses: We've spent \$40 on Apples and Honey. Proposed expenses: bus pass for \$22 (for Hailey) and 35 t-shirts for about \$278 (include nonprofit ID when paying Elmo's for this rate). Members are encouraged to pay \$10 for their shirt; extras will be sold/given in return for a donation at Apples and Honey.

What needs to come to the group for approval and how have we handled things in the past? There are some things the family needs (rent, clothes, etc.) we have just paid for. Some items the group voted to approve. Harvey reminds us we meet weekly and did most approvals at our weekly meetings; if we're meeting biweekly, that may not work as well. Amanda suggests we go back to weekly for the early part of the family's arrival, and says the process we had last time should work. We're reminded to keep an eye on the spending and perhaps tighten our belts a bit. Rob recommends we build a budget. We should be mindful that many organization, esp Jewish organizations, ask for money this time a year

Jeff walked us through financial procedures as shown here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UKDy3-4jFYccsptXKEJJUeJQTb1TYypa>

We should think about what is publicly accessible and what is not.

Jeff made a request of the Reconstructionist congregation and they will donate \$250.

Mendoza family closing

Amanda: Meeting went really well; the family had many positive things to say ("perfect"). Great job! The family had a last-minute request to finish their Habitat for Humanity application; Amanda referred them to JFS refugee social services and helped them submit the documents. This morning Amanda was informed they are now enrolled in refugee social services and that their Habitat application was

approved! Co-sponsor survey, which goes to HIAS is here. It can only be submitted once, by the group:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aGR7CM-38ES7ZcDyaE2c-UNGNc4fhsRKjlvbcmKuenxUMzk5WFgwTkRJTzVZIRjIDMEZLTFYyVTRJSS4u>

Harvey: Harvey thanked the family on behalf of JCOR for teaching us what it was like for our families to immigrate to this country 100 years ago.

Onboarding new volunteers

To start the process, go to this link and fill out the form:

<https://jfsannarbor.org/volunteer/>

Amanda shares that the process recently changed. After you complete the initial application, you will receive an email to register for an orientation (in person or online). When you register, your background check will be run. After you attend the orientation and background checks come back (1-2 weeks typically), you are all set as a JFS volunteer. Congregational leads can contact anyone who filled out a JCOR form to get them started on the JFS application process. Rosalie shared that the process doesn't make it clear when the background check is done.

Apples & Honey Sept 10

Walk-a-mile: Sign up here: <https://jfsannarbor.org/wam23/> How do JCOR people sign up under JCOR? Ketl called but hasn't heard back. Amanda will look into it. Fruma reports there's a way to select a group from the menu when you register as an individual. Linda asks if we can create signs with quotes to advertise at the event. WE NEED SPONSORS! Schedule: 9-10 a.m. register and breakfast, 10 - 10:30 Resettlement info, 11:00 a.m - We walk, 11:30 - 1 p.m. Lunch and entertainment.

JCOR table: Can we recreate the house poster and house tabs? Items needed - a box for checks/donations, Volunteer forms, my computer (and another one?), t-shirts. Deborah will bring a box for donations and Ketl will bring her computer so people can donate from the JCOR website. Maybe some photographs or quotes on a posterboard; Midge is working on a large sign for us.

Schedule:

2-3 pm - Jennifer and Fruma

3-4 pm - Deborah and Harvey

4-5 pm - Ann and Lauren

Website

Thanks to Charles! View the new website here: <https://jcorannarbor.allthisweb.com/> For comments, corrections, etc., send to Rita, Ketl, Deborah, and Charles. May need to resize logos, which are getting cut off.

Who is reading our JCOR@gmail.com emails? Can Rita and Ketl be included as readers/responders?

Congregational Leads

Michael reports that Ruth Freedman from Jewish Cultural Society will be joining us going forward. Ruth can send Rita, Deborah, and Ketl her information and they will get her on all relevant email lists.

Next meeting: Sept. 6 at 12 noon