

Minutes -- MCA January 4, 2020 Board Meeting

In Attendance:

S. Brazina, L. Nizin, M. Sobol, R. Prosten, I. Kushnir, E. Feldman, M. Weisberg, J. Margolis, P. Sherman, L. Israelite, W. Kargher, J. Simon, M. Kehila, M. Binder

Meeting called to order @ 8:43 AM by President Les Nizin. Meeting conducted electronically via ZOOM.

President's report:

- President Nizin asks if there are any changes or corrections to minutes of the December 7 meeting as submitted by Prosten. Feldman moves adoption as submitted, second Sobol. Unanimous approval
- President Nizin notes that the Treasurer's report as distributed has been updated. Ed Feldman explains that the budget has been changed to reflect an anticipated reduction in credit card fees (to \$2,400). Feldman moves adoption. Second by Wayne Kargher. Sobol asks what year end balance will be. Answer is \$17,740. Sobol says his question is with an eye towards our pledge to new Federation building. Nizin requests that the treasurer prepare a report for the March meeting indicating likely year end balance so we can determine how to spend down. Feldman will prepare. Discussion of genesis of credit card processing fees (those fees generated by processing of membership dues vs. those generated by other activities), and whether Theresa at Federation can break them down. Question is called and the motion to accept is adopted unanimously.
- Nizin notes vice-presidential vacancy created by Zalasky resignation must be filled. Larry Israelite asks length of term. Nizin says until end of June, 2022 (balance of 2 year term). Ira Kushnir suggests that this decision should be delayed pending discussion of proposed by-law changes. President Nizin explains that he wanted to table the matter at the last meeting, but Larry Israelite noted bylaws require we move ahead. Jim Simon feels current bylaws must be respected. Israelite elected by secret ballot.

Report of Mike Sobol

- Michael Sobol shares fan letters from members about various programs. Trivia Day

Report of Membership Chair Israelite

- Larry Israelite reviews his previously distributed monthly report. Bottomline: current membership is down 20% and new membership down 70%.
- Traditionally, January is a strong month for new membership -- we'll see what happens this year.
- Michael Sobol "deserves way more credit than we understand" for 109 events since April with heavy member participation.
- 18,000 emails sent this year -- 6,000 re programs (confirmations, reminders, etc). Discussion of standard e-mail procedures.
- Nizin wonders about "lapsed member" and "former member" participation. Only "active members" can sign-up for "member only" events.

Report of Doc Film & Luncheon Committee Chair Brazina

- Steve reports Larry Siegel will speak virtually, as scheduled, at next luncheon Sobol has already scheduled Feb 22, 2022 speaker. (Sanford Greenberg). Michael Farr & Michael Hetfield will likely be invited back as 2022 speakers as they were very popular.
- Covid has worked out well for Doc Films, with many subject experts and filmmakers have readily agreed to participate on Zoom panels. Discussion of continuing Zoom programs after live-programming resumes.

Report of Luncheon Head Kehila

Dates for next season -- all Thursdays except April 13 -- a Tuesday

- Nov 11
- Dec 16
- Jan 13
- Feb 10
- Mar 10
- April 13

Report of Dance Chair Sobol --

2022 Dance scheduled for first Saturday in March at Vineyards. Same band

Report on Member Participation Ira Kushnir/Max Weisberg

5 of 6 new members are already participating. 230 non-renewing members will be contacted between Ira & Max Weisberg. They want to present plans at the Board Meeting.

Report of Volunteer Chair Ira Kushnir

Covid has forced a halt to volunteer activities.

Report of Badge Chair Sherman --

Nothing to report at this time. Will wait for additional new members/badge requests before submitting the next order.

Report of Lecture Series Chair Simon --

Nothing to report at this time.

Report of Publicity Chair Margolis --

Deadline for the March issue of *Federation Star* is the end of January.

President's report (continued):

- Discussion of a series of proposals on bylaw revision (distributed with minutes) was part of the agenda for today's meeting, but based on a phone call received earlier today, President Nizin moves to create a committee which he will chair and to which he will appoint 3 or 5 people, to resolve the involved issues. Second Brazina.
- Prosten asks does this mean we will consider the report at a subsequent meeting and vote on it at the meeting after that? Nizin says yes. Vote on recommendations will take place a month after they are presented. Larry Israelite asks if nobody objects to recommendations can it be voted on immediately? Nizin says no. Kushnir notes that this might call for a change in dates for nominations and number to be nominated.
- Founders award will not be awarded this year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM

Next Meeting February 1 @ 8:30 AM - 11:30

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Prosten
Secretary