

Jody:

If someone wishes on sending credit card information we will need:
Their name, amount, card number, expiration date, ZIP Code and address.

For the time being, I am not at the museum every day to use the credit card machine there but do swing by every few days to pick up the mail.

But either way will work .

Thanks!

Gary

On May 12, 2020, at 9:34 AM, Jody Sataloff <jsataloff@gmail.com> wrote:

What is the best way to donate to MJM right now? Send a check or do it online?

On Tue, May 12, 2020 at 9:24 AM Steven Brinn <stvbrinn@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi all, as we mentioned at the last Board meeting this year is shaping up to run a fairly significant deficit to budget, which was break even when approved by the Board in December. This shortfall could be as much as \$70,000 or more.

Because of a shortfall of revenue (mostly due to being closed but also due to losing an annual grant we get from Bernard Osher for the Curator position, and the likelihood that we will need to postpone the HOF event, our major fundraiser) and due to several large captital expenses (including the new heating system , the pointing of the front wall bricks, and the new Synagogue exhibition room, hardware, software and content and a new website), we have decided to implement a MJM Emergency Fund to help offset this shortfall. The attached letter will be going out to about a dozen of our key supporters and Gary will be following up with each of them by phone. When he does so, it would be very beneficial if he could tell them that the MJM Board has unanimously contributed toward this fund as well. So to get to the point of this email, I am asking each of you to make a special one time contribution to the MJM of an amount that feels good to you, no matter how big or how small. I will kick it off with a gift of \$2500. Please let Gary and/or me know privately, if you can help in any way.

I appreciate all you do for the Museum and thank you in advance for your support during this trying and difficult time.

Thanks very much
Steve

On Fri, May 8, 2020 at 11:30 AM Steven Brinn <stvbrinn@gmail.com> wrote:

Greetings!

Just a reminder that our next Board meeting is Monday June 1st at 5pm via zoom. If you have any agenda items please let me know. Potentially we can re-open the Museum by June 1st but we will be closely monitoring that situation.

Hope everyone is hanging in there !

Look forward to "seeing" you all on the 1st.

Be well and stay safe!

Steve

On Tue, Apr 28, 2020 at 8:30 AM Steven Brinn <stvbrinn@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi all, just a short note to let you know that we applied for the SBA loan via our banker at People's United, were approved for it and have received a direct deposit to our account this morning of \$12377.

The loan was based on our payroll for the last 4 quarters and assumes we have three employees (ED, Curator, Admin).

To the extent we keep paying for all three positions over the next 2 and a half months, this loan will be forgiven and not need to be repaid.

If we do not hire a new admin, and therefore do not expend those funds in total, we will need to return that portion that was unused and pay a 1% interest fee.

We are planning to interview for the new position in May.

Hope you are all well.

Best regards, stay safe!

Steve

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 9:26 PM Jody Sataloff <jsataloff@gmail.com> wrote:

Minutes from the MJM board meeting April 6, 2020

Attending were: Aaron Shapiro, Gary Barron, Gary Berenson, Jody Sataloff, Steve Brinn, Andy Brenner, Abe Peck, Nancy Blumberg, Ruthie Noble, Janet Raffel, Nancy Ziegler, Amy Tinkle and Harris Gleckman

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

Amy moved and Amy seconded a motion to approve the meetings of 2/1/2020. Janet asked that we add the organization name for Catherine Besteman. They were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve informed us that we filed our taxes this year, and thanked Gary Berenson for getting the first quarter reports to us.

Andy reported: We had a loss through the quarter of \$6000. However, we have approximately \$150,000 with Schwaab and \$156,000 at Peoples bank plus the additional \$25,000 from Etz Chaim which has not yet been deposited. Andy advised that because we are a non - profit we should not buy municipal bonds but should look for perhaps corporate bonds or an opportunity that pays approximately 4-5% interest.. Andy AGREED to contact Charlie Dibner to talk about investment opportunities. Steve added that we have additional unique expense of: \$34,000 to Royal River for the new heat pumps and \$11-12,000 for the new synagogue exhibit.

Gary Barron gave a grants update: The Maine Humanities Council turned us down. We've asked Sam L. Cohen for \$30,000 and will hear from them in June.

Harris asked if we were saving on expenses while the building is closed but we really are not. Abe commented that the virus will affect our fundraising. There was a discussion about seeking small business grants and also about whether we actually need money right now.

Etz Chaim Update:

Gary Berenson reported that this year would be Cedars' 90th anniversary and Etz Chaim's 100th and he met with Cedars to discuss a giant seder with Portland leaders. This is cancelled and hopefully could happen next year. Gary has been calling people from our community to see if they're okay. He is also running a Friday afternoon Torah study.

Programming and Education :Janet reported the committee met about the launch event for the synagogue and rabbi project and they discussed doing a panel discussion of the people interviewed by Jessica to reflect on their personal memories.Abe suggested that we try to get a big name speaker like the Governor to speak at the event and suggested it be tied to Maine's 200 year celebration. Harris suggested to the program committee that they add an online life for the next few months to keep people engaged. Steve reported that Nanci Kahn is doing a virtual artist talk with artist Elizabeth Greenberg on Thursday April 16th at 7pm. Please RSVP to photography@mainejewishmuseum.org to be invited to the virtual event.

Abe met with Francis Perkins representative and spoke about the event. Amy and Nancy Ziegler want to be included on the Program Committee.

ED REPORT:

Gary Barron reported on the synagogue project. Harris provided content. Gary said it's coming along well and should be ready in 2 months. This is a very state of the art exhibition which will include an interactive map kiosk.

Gary reported that we raised \$25,000 from the Annual Appeal. He questioned the timing of the appeal and the Hall of Fame event being too close together and said the appeal was impacted negatively by the coronavirus.

He reported there is a big leak as you enter the building and discussed a quote for the re-pointing of the front of the building. He said the Hall of Fame 2019 exhibit is ready to be loaded once Micah receives the ipad.

Janet asked if there are any potential grant sources that Gary saw from the new Non- profit grant organization we joined. Gary wasn't enthusiastic that there were. The board suggested to Gary that we consider any and all potential sources of funding during this period of being closed to the public. Steve will investigate the SBA loan program.

Hall of Fame 2020:

Steve reported on the Hall of Fame 2020 event. All recipients and their families are thrilled. A press release will go out. Harris suggested that if the event is postponed or cancelled we should consider doing it as a webinar. Jody expressed concern about loss of income doing it that was as it is our other major fundraiser. It was remarked that a booklet could still be prepared and sent out.

Old Business:

Gary Berenson reported that the contractor for the new heat pumps is ready to go once we get the permit from the City.

Steve said that he put people on committees and to let him know if they would like a different committee. There was an exchange of happy Pesach wishes and the meeting adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Sataloff, acting secretary for Ivan

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