

**SOLOWAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE OF OTTAWA
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
March 7, 2022, 7:00 pm**

1. Call to Order – Allan Shefrin welcomed everyone to the SJCC Annual General Meeting and called our virtual AGM to order.
2. D'var Torah
Rabbi Kravetz delivered the D'var Torah. He referred to the hope that this would be our last virtual AGM. The Rabbi also touched on the events in Ukraine, offering words of hope and peace and spoke about Purim.
3. Greetings from Jewish Federation of Ottawa
Ian Sherman offered greetings from the JFO on behalf of Andrea Freedman, President and CEO. Ian also touched on the events in Ukraine. He reiterated how this was again a year of challenge but was hopeful given the outpouring of support for JFO campaigns and the Soloway JCC during this time. The leadership and hard work of Barry Sohn and the Board have ensured that the organization remains critical and important to the community and has a bright future ahead.
4. Approval of Minutes – April 6, 2021 Annual Meeting – Allan Shefrin
Allan Shefrin, made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2021 AGM. Seconded by Mike Aronson, vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
5. The Grossman-Klein Family Teen Leadership Awards
Presenter: Gail Lieff, SCC
Awarded to: Julia Silverstone and Morgan Shusterman

Julia Silverstone:

Julia Silverstone is a grade 12 honor roll student at Sir Robert Borden High School who has been a dedicated volunteer with several organizations throughout the city.

Julia has spent three years with A Ripple Effect, a non-profit program affiliated with Chabad of Centreponte that gives Ottawa Jewish youth the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of a child affected by loss, trauma or may have special needs by sharing love and kindness..

When weekly visits with the children were no longer an option, due to the pandemic, Julia got creative and came up with activities like arts & crafts and baking over zoom, in order to stay connected and engage with the children and provide a little support to families

Morgan Shusterman:

Throughout her teen years, Morgan has continuously demonstrated compassion, leadership and an interest in making a difference in her community, across all aspects of her life.

Morgan's Jewish learning began at Temple Israel Hebrew School where after her Confirmation in Grade 10 she became a volunteer teaching assistant and participated in Temple's Youth Group, FROSTY. Throughout her high school years, she has held many executive board positions in the Youth Group, culminating in a Co-Presidency last year. Together with her FROSTY peers she volunteered at the Parkdale United Church – In From the Cold program and helped coordinate High Holiday Toiletry Drives.

6. The Ben Karp Volunteer service award

Barry Sohn, on behalf of Barry Karp (who could not attend) presented to Mike Aronson

7. Financial Overview

Mark Gruner presented the financial overview.

Total revenue: \$3,736,959

Total expenditures: \$3,537,132

8. Appointment of Auditors – Marc Gruner

It was moved by Marc, seconded by Inga Dobrijevic that Ginsberg, Gluzman, Fage & Levitz be re-elected as auditors for the Soloway Jewish Community Centre for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022. Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

8. Remarks: Barry Sohn

Barry thanked the JFO emergency campaign for their help, as well as SJCC board, Maxine Miska and staff for their efforts. Barry mentioned the 2 year anniversary of Jon Braun's death, noting that commemoration efforts were underway.

9. Staff Service Awards – Barry Sohn

Barry Sohn thanked all his staff for their accomplishments and their hard work. He noted the following milestones:

Ryan Armitage – 15 years

Jordan Masson – 15 years

Randi Reichstein – 15 years

10. Report of the Nominating Committee – Mike Aronson

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers: Jack Shinder, Chair; Allan Shefrin, Immediate Past Chair; Ryan Goldberg, Vice-Chair; Inga Dobrijevic, Treasurer, and Michael Levitan, Secretary. Michael Aronson asked for a motion to approve the slate; seconded by Neil Presner. Motion carried. Michael thanked

retiring directors Lisa Rosenkrantz and Mike Aronson. Michael Aronson asked for a motion to approve the slate; seconded by Neil Presner. Motion carried.

11. Remarks of the Chair—Allan Shefrin

Allan congratulated the award winners. He spoke about how covid was again a disruptive force. Revenue has increased although still below pre-covid levels, many of our departments are still delivering great programs such as the Melton School, the Ganon Preschool, and JCC of Ottawa Summer Camps, which is almost sold out for the summer. The SJCC will work on implementing the next stage of the strategic plan and restart the capital campaign in the post-pandemic world. Rebuild and renew. He then introduced incoming chair Jack Shinder

12. Remarks from the incoming Chair—Jack Shinder

Jack touched on his goals as incoming chair, noting how important the center is to Jewish life in Ottawa. He thanked everyone for their efforts during the worst of the pandemic and struck a hopeful note about the future of the center.

13. New business

Attendees were asked if there was any additional business. There was not.

14. Adjournment

Allan Shefrin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Jack Shinder

Addendum – April 11, 2022

It was moved that the Board of Directors approve the draft *Financial Statements for The Year Ended August 31, 2021*. Motion: Inga Dobrijevic, Jack Shinder, seconded. Motion carried. - SJCC Board of Directors Meeting – January 26, 2022