

## Minutes August 5, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors, NxNW Region WLCJ was held on August 5, 2008, Temple Beth Shalom, San Leandro, CA

Those in attendance were: Anne Jess, Margie Miller, Conference Consultant/Advisor, Elinor De Koven, Bev Dunn, Sandra Eliaser, Emily Gannes, Debbie Greene, Dori Jaroslow, Eve Kedar, Judith Krongold, Susan Lefelstein, Adrienne Mannis, Jennifer Miller, Anne Nicolson, Shirlee Perl, Lois Pierce, Thelma Ramm, Rita Schlosser, Corey Schneider, International President (briefly present)

\*\*Sondra Schwartz, President of Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood, was introduced and recognized . She and her team did an amazing job hosting the Leadership Institute. A fire at the Caterer's business prevented them from providing food, so the Sisterhood women stepped up and provided all the meals.

Anne Jess, Region President, called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Some attendees left early to catch planes home, others arrived at the original appointed time closer to 4:30 PM. This meeting of the Board occurred immediately after the NxNW Region Leadership Institute.

### Agenda Items:

- Simcha – Sunshine Fund: Established to acknowledge congratulatory, condolence, etc., events as needed. Please send \$5 - \$18 contribution for the /sunshine Fund. Make checks payable to NxNW Region WLCJ, and send to our treasurer:

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- Communication: An important issue considering the breadth of our region. Suggestions were email, Facebook, Yahoo groups, individual phone calls and conference calls.

- Directory: Anne Jess demonstrated the NxNW Region Directory she created on-line and e-distributed to all members of the Board.

- Board Structure: Anne Jess discussed the structure of our board and intends to have a board orientation in the next few months in tandem with Sisterhood Presidents Trainings. NxNW is a region of nineteen Sisterhoods. Anne Jess further explained the positions of three Secretaries (Communication, Administrative and Financial), Area and Torah Fund Directors, the Vice-presidents, activity chairs and Parliamentarian. Margie Miller further expanded with regard to what our positions look like, accountability, and support. Activity chairs must know their position descriptions, as well. An example of reportage was given; Lorie Abernathy, Torah Fund VP, and Tina Eisenman, Area Director VP, each have 4 Area Directors in support. An important protocol item is to include Anne Jess in all committee conference calls. Jennifer Miller added information about Torah Fund Council and Cabinet members, Torah Fund VPs and Chairs, and Region Presidents all serving on the same council. Cabinet members are appointed. For example, they vote on Women's League pins and other key programs. There are open activity

chairs available for others to join the Board. Much interest in recruiting young women (Zahava)

- Margie Miller on Consolidation Reasons and Strategy: There has been a loss of 2,000 women for the last 10 years, causing a loss of per capita support. Plan was to evenly apportion the country by numbers of Sisterhoods and population thereof.

- Regional Conferences:

1. October Board meeting being planned
2. Once a year area activities can be organized/held by the original regions
3. Co-chairs and committee needed to plan a regional conference in the Bay Area in May 2009.
4. Every Area must have an annual meeting in the form of:
  - a. workshop
  - b. panel
  - c. education
  - d. speaker
  - e. training

- Other items:

1. Calendar diaries are no longer free of charge (\$8 apiece)
2. Bring knitted and crocheted scarves and hats to Detroit Convention for distribution to the homeless and other needy.
3. The NxNW bank account is in the process of getting set up. The 2 former regions finances will be merged into the account as soon as that is done.
4. Rita Cohen of Beth Shalom, San Leandro, was recommended for her skill as an organizer and team member.

Respectfully submitted  
Sandra Eliaser, Past President for  
Thelma Ramm  
Administrative Secretary