

President Board Report: February 15, 2018

I guess I will start with saying I have learned a lot about the role of Treasurer and our treasury reports in the past couple of months. I appreciate all the work it takes to be Treasurer and know it is something I don't want to do. Thankfully, Jennifer Blazer, our bookkeeper, is a knowledgeable and hardworking young woman who helps us to manage our money. I appreciate that Stu Fleishman was willing to give it a go, but with Diane's second leg fracture, his responsibilities quadrupled and he was unable to continue as Treasurer. But, God was looking out for us, and he shone his light upon another able and willing member, our own Michael Mandel. Michael has offered to step down from being the Mensch Club liaison and to join our Executive Committee as the new Treasurer, and he will be on the May 2018 Board slate, ready to accept a full term on the Board and as Treasurer. Mensch Club member Art Lorbeer has offered to join the Board as the Mensch Club liaison for half the year and we will find another Mensch Club member for the other half. Hopefully, that resolves the situation.

Our Leadership group is still making progress, and is basically merged with the Nominating Committee. We are working towards inviting people to be on the Board to replace our members who are stepping down.

We are moving forward with plans to bring in Alden Solovy with the grant funds, but we will need a little bit more money to completely fund his program. The plan is for him to be here at the end of April/beginning of May. The Oral History Project is moving forward under the auspices of Jeff Brown, and when the interviews are done, the work will move into Wil Kilroy's corner when he begins to write multiple vignettes that will be performed by NMSU students.

The MLK program the other day was phenomenal, so kudos to Ned and the Social Action/Adult Ed folks! I look forward to more collaboration with the NAACP and other community groups in the future.

Other items have come to our attention, like the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation who wants us to send a member to be on their Council, a very dynamic social action group. We've revised the donation letter, and Purim, and JFFF are on the horizon, along with the Annual Congregational Meeting on May 10. We will discuss some of this information more in detail during our meeting tonight.