

Wednesday Morning Group
Annual Meeting
May 27, 2020

Laura Forman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. immediately following the lecture. Approximately forty-eight members participated (As tracked by the Zoom participant feature. People did join and leave). The meeting was conducted over Zoom

1. First order of business was to approve the minutes from the 2019 meeting. Laurie Wilner made a motion that the minutes be approved. Julie Goodman seconded. Via Zoom polling 48 voted yes, 0 voted no. The minutes were approved.
2. Laura thanked the current board in addition to the many other members who make WMG possible:
3. Incoming Chair: Julie Frye
Programs: Joan Wolf & Julie Goodman
Treasurer: Barbara Freedman
Secretary: Wendy Shay
At Large: Kevie Niland & Beth Rosenthal
Set Up: Michelle Birnbaum, Lee Fishman, Carolyn VanDyck & Judy Mistretta
Clean Up: Kristen Mosbaek, Susan Eisen, and Jane Holmes
Snack Reminder: Mary Brown & Emily Hofmann
Social Chairs: Robyn Wagman & Harri Kramer
A/V: Amy Harris & Janet Airis
Books: Katie Meskill and Betsy Sherman
Journal: Adrienne Athanas, Pat Cascio, Kirstie Saltsman, Karen Deasy, Melinda Robbins, Harri Kramer, Recappers, Editors
Photographer: Diane Baker
Website: Stephanie Sporkin
4. The membership voted to approve the incoming board. 49 yes.
Chair: Julie Frye
Immediate Past Chair: Laura Forman
Treasurer: Barbara Freedman
Secretary: Wendy Shay
Programs: Emily Hofmann & Laurie Wilner
At Large: Lisa Forte & Nell Rumbaugh
5. Treasurer Barbara Freedman reported on the WMG finances. The organization is in the black. The organization donated \$12,000 to the church. Other expenses include childcare, \$500 deposit for the Spring social event, insurance, Zoom subscription, laptop and other AV equipment, and migrating the list-serve to a new platform. Expenses were reduced because WMG wasn't able to gather in-person so childcare charges disappeared and there wasn't a Spring social event. Barbara presented the projections for the proposed 2020 budget which was voted on. Joan Wolf made a motion to approve, Laurie Wilner seconded. 53 voted in favor of the budget,

6. The 2020/2021 season will begin September 9, 2020 and end June 9, 2021. Zoom will continue to be an option if the pandemic means it remains impossible to meet in-person at the church.
7. New Business: Diane Baker expressed concern about the lack of diversity and inclusion in the membership. Several people agreed that this issue needed to be addressed, although WMG has considered it on several occasions in the past. It was suggested that a working group be formed to explore the issue and propose solutions. Laura assured everyone that this will be discussed at the summer board meeting (note: preliminary discussion to occur on June 15). Laurie and Emily mentioned that they were concerned about diversity in programming. They asked members to let them know about potential speakers of color. An important question in pursuing a more diverse membership is the fact that WMG already has a 3 year waiting list.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 pm.