

January 10, 2011  
WIJC Board of Directors meeting minutes

## Agenda

1. The Who's Minding the Store show and UW Klezmer band details and needs.
2. Update on Langley Woodman Cemetery and Jewish burial update.
3. Island Ivrit-grant requirements and possible instructors
4. Tu B' Shevat call for planners
5. Upcoming yearly schedule and reserved venues.
6. Finance Report
7. Blog and communication update
8. Outreach and community feedback.

-Meeting attended by President (Miriam C.), Vice-president (Susan B.), Treasurer (Harlan, M.) and member at large (Allan A.)

### 1. Who's Minding the Store and Klezmer band updates:

- tickets are on sale now at WICA
- costs for the exhibit will be covered by a grant from Humanities Washington. WICA is paying the band a minimal fee and WIJC has been asked by the band to cover additional transportation costs. WIJC has agreed and is prepared to pay this nominal fee.
- the exhibit will be hung by Miriam C, Susie F. and a WICA staff member. Susan B. kindly offered to assist.
- Harlan M. offered to provide a guest-book for the event to collect contact information from interested parties.

2. Allan A. explained the costs and details for the establishment of a Jewish cemetery. The site is located in the green burial section and a link to green burial information has been added to the site. Allan has sent press release announcements to Whidbey Papers, as well as to Jewish congregations in the area. Nine plots will need to be sold for consecration; up to 15 may be available. Rabbi Ted Falcon has offered his services in this endeavor. The deadline has been moved to March for purchase and costs are estimated to be between \$1,400-\$1,600 dollars.

3. The award letter from the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle's Special Initiatives grant were reviewed. Miriam C. explained how a search for a Hebrew teacher was conducted (two ads were run on Craigslist, calls made to Seattle Kollel and the Federations Education coordinator) and reviewed the resume and course proposal received. The board discussed the qualifications and costs and has agreed to hire Hank Weiss to teach a six-week course in basic Hebrew. A contract will be drawn up and approved by the board prior to the start of the class.

A location is still needed for the classes. Suggested locations included Brookhaven in Langley, the Park's Department community room, and a classroom at

one of the public schools. Calls will be made this week by Miriam C. to determine availability and pricing.

The board agreed that the fee of \$50 for a six-week course (nine hours of instruction) is reasonable. No child will be turned away due to an inability to pay. Adults that need scholarship assistance may be asked to participate in a work/study program and take on small tasks related to running the class (set up and clean up, etc.)

4. Tu B' Shevat is January 20<sup>th</sup>. Discussion about the possibility of pulling together an impromptu seder this year and whom may be able to take on planning. A hagaddah will be made available to community members through the blog for those that wish to have a private seder. Harlan M. will look into possible locations.

5. Upcoming schedule. The following dates have been reserved at the Unitarian Universalist Hall in Freeland:

March 19, 2011 for Purim and annual election meeting

April 20, 2011 Wednesday for Passover

October 15, 2011 Saturday

December 23, 2011 for Hanukkah

All events will be held from 5 to 7 pm. Additional gatherings and events will be scheduled at other locations throughout the year.

6. Finance report. WIJC is in need of donations to continue programming. WIJC has received two grant awards in 2010, totaling \$2,000, earmarked for specific programs. A request for donations will be posted on the blog and donations will be encouraged and accepted at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> event. Grant opportunities will continue to be pursued.

7. The blog was discussed. Allan A. would like to see more participation and involvement and would like to see the blog become more interactive. The possibility of adding a bulletin board feature was discussed, as were logistics. For now, Board members are able to post on the blog. Community members at large are encouraged to send announcements to Board members for posting. Susan B. requested a tutorial on how to use the blog site.

8. Feedback and outreach were discussed. WIJC is in need of active participants interested in organizing and planning events. Annual elections will be held in March and WIJC would benefit from seeking new member involvement. The next board meeting will be announced on the blog and in the local paper to encourage new involvement.