Meeting began at 10:58 am.

- Sean introduced himself and Rebecca Levitan

- Reading of the 2021 meeting minutes, Toby moved to approve, Emily seconded, minutes approved by show of hands.

- Next year’s conference online. Odd years online, even years in person going forward. 2024 conference will likely be on the west coast, since ALA will be in San Diego.

- Endowment fully up and running, approx $90k in the fund currently.

- Member gala will happen again on Zoom in the fall, look for the announcements.

- AJL classrooms are still going, storytelling will happen again. Rachel Kamin encourages everyone to participate if you’re doing story time. These classes are part of a strategic plan and continuing education goal to create a Judaic Library Certification, to help to get basic accreditation. Geared toward volunteer librarians who don’t have an MLS. Will take some time, AJL is building it.

- Will be continuing roundtables. AJL members only. Access past ones online. Upcoming: advocating israel through books for young people with Marjorie Gann and Judy Peterson. Sept 18 Sunday at 1230pm.

- Oct 27 7pm AJL Presents: Better Together; combating antisemitism through positive kidlit

- Jewish library handbook currently in the process of being rewritten. Good for accreditation. Get it for Chanukkah gifts.

- Strategic plan has been approved and it is on the website. All objectives and goals.

  -> Initiatives: increase AJL brand awareness. Define standards of different size libraries. Very tiny libraries vs the big libraries, what’s the standard for each? Size, collection, membership, hours worked etc. Set the standards to help advocate to the powers that be.
Initiative 2: Foster collaborations: publishers, authors, classrooms without borders, access for different libraries. Filling gaps in collections → be able to tell editors publishers etc offer focus groups.

Initiative 3: instill pride in membership, promoting member libraries on the website. Everyone can see your library, share pictures etc, make sure everyone is well trained, no imposter syndrome.

Initiative 4: demonstrate a process of mastery of library skills. E-portfolios and poster sessions. Show that you know, get your organization to sign off on what you did. Create two cohorts, intermediate and advanced, create new programs and services for your library. Past presidents will mentor. Advanced cohort will be a project for the committee. Create something that will help the association, have an impact on the larger AJL landscape.

-Tomorrow will be birds of a feather session: first half, different types of libraries together, second half is different topics.

-Jewish values finder: Chavah has completed 2203 new books added into the database. Search functions corrected. See and use it. Public thanks to her.


-2022 Kar Ben Scholarship award: Heidi Rabinowitz IN HER TIARA. Book of life is 17 years old. Kidlit mavens 1100 members. Kidlit can change the world. Created a checklist that’s on socio. Pledge to do at least one thing to promote Jewish kidlit.

-Rachel Kamin moves to adjourn, Aviva seconds. Meeting adjourned