ICFS Fall Meeting

11/18/18 - Home of Linda & Sandy Hornick

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Minutes submitted by Daryl Hornick-Becker

In Attendance

Phil Cantor

Dan Cantor

Sandy Hornick

Linda Hornick

Meredith Hornick

Larry Becker

Amy Hornick

Daryl Hornick-Becker

David Berman

Sara Berman

Stanley Gilman

Sheila Gilman

Mitchell Greene

Barbara Greene

Ron Jordan

Ken Wachtel

-Phil Cantor calls to order the fall meeting of the ICFS.

 -requests the minutes from the last meeting

 -Kenny did not take the minutes at the last meeting, not sure who did

 -there was no quorum at the last meeting

Financial Report

-Phil reports that there is $11,829.54 in the current bank account

 -$29,045.07 in the money market mutual fund

**Motion: Phil moves that David Berman looks into the investment fund and report back to the treasurer on if the funds should be moved or invested differently**

**Second: Stanley**

**Ayes are unanimous**

Hospitality Report

-Phil reports that Florence Hornick, our most senior member, passed at the end of May

 -In Remembrance of Florence, Linda Hornick yelled “EAT”

 -Ron said Florence loved everyone of us equally

 -A moment of silence was observed

-Ron reports that last November Wendy needed a bone marrow transplant, she had it on Dec 6th of last year

-After chemotherapy and a month in the hospital and 3 at home, she has is now totally cancer-free

-Barbara reports that Jaime Feld had her 3rd baby, Chloe Alexandra

-Sandy reports that Aaron Hornick had his second baby in February, Maya Isabelle

 -also that Jonathan Hornick got married in May

-Ron reports that Julie Cantor, daughter of Scott Cantor, is getting married today

Old Business

-Sandy reports on previous meeting at Citi Field, where the Mets beat the Yankees

 -26-28 people were in attendance

 -including Mark Wachtel, Greg Pomerantz

-The society extends its thanks to Sandy for organizing

-Ron asks how does the society improve its membership?

-The floor is open for discussion

New Business

Ron: ICFS structures may need to change to fit modern times

-phone conferences, skype meetings, all work well in business

-we have members all over the globe, this could help include them

-helps keep the society open and flexible to retain and attract new members

Mitch: our growth is miniscule, we need changes

-maybe only 1 business meeting and 1 social event a year

Phil: the baseball game was an attempt and it was very hard to get more people to come

 -these meetings are always the same people

 -social events are very expensive

 -$2,000 was spent on 26 people for the Mets game

 -cost was $135 a person and ICFS subsidized $85 of the cost

 -social events are easier said than done

Mitch: but who is going to be here in 10 years?

 -we have no 5 year plan, no 1 year plan

Phil: needs someone to take over due collection

 -Ron also needs someone to take over cemetery duties

Sandy: this still doesn’t solve our existential issues

Amy: My kids don’t come to the meetings because of certain rules

Sandy: Issue is the non-jewish members rule

Ron: but they can be members

Sandy: but they can’t vote

Danny: is there a reason to think the younger generation doesn’t have an investment? Is there a reason to disband?

Phil: But it's more complicated than that because we have money and own real estate

 -for example, in order to give NJ permission to open grave sites, written permission has to come from society

 -it should be noted that the 2 other members of the cemetery committee are Sandy and David

Kenny: the $2000 we spent on last meeting isn’t that bad

 -call us up if the officers need any help

Barbara: Still doesn’t solve issue of getting young people to come

Ron: going back to cemetery duties, my direct family is not buried in ICFS plots

 -my other family society, the Jordans, interacts mostly online

 -except when someone dies and we have to sign written permission

 -there isn’t the sense of camaraderie in my other family

 -its my job, as the cemetery chair, to take some of the stress out of the funeral process

 -the point is, everyone should express to their individual families their concerns

Mitch: what if we sent out a questionnaire asking what changes will make you come to meetings?

Danny: I think the baseball game worked, maybe we just go with social events

 -our annual thing could be a social event every year

Larry: likes social idea, and then maybe a conference call for business items

Phil: ok so maybe a social event, but who organizes?

Larry: we could do a trip to Belmont racetrack, I’m willing to plan it

Kenny: conference calls and internet meetings only take you so far

 -its no replacement for being together

David: if we keep doing a big event every five years, people outside NY will come

Barbara: could we try a skype meeting?

Danny: maybe a skype call 2 months before the spring outing at Belmont

Mitch: maybe more email blasts more often to keep people informed

Larry: that can be our goal for June (the racetrack outing)

Danny: or maybe another baseball game

 -by the way 20% of our members are in this room

 -our focus should be on young people not out of town members

Ron: our social events in past have been good

 -our eye should be on the five-year event

 -those work for improving participation

Phil: whatever we do at Belmont needs to include kosher food

Larry: outside belmont you can picnic and bring your own food

Phil: Kosher food won’t determine whether we have an event

 -we still need to settle issue of financial dues, secretary, cemetery duties, and website

 -to collect dues we have to send invoices, some people don’t use internet

Ron: nobody wants the cemetery job, but I can teach it

 -you have to be ready to get a call from a grieving member

 -then verify they’re a member, negotiate dues if they owe

 -get in touch with funeral director and cemetery

 -send a fax for permission to open gravesite

 -maintain maps of gravesites

Phil: we also need a family member willing to work on the website

 -we have nothing to spend on that

**Action Items**

1. **Ron will bring Sandy up to speed on cemetery duties**
2. **Larry is going to organize a Spring/Summer outing at Belmont racetrack**
3. **Mitch will talk to Josh about working on the website**

Phil: Anymore issues on existence?

Larry: We need to give people a little feel of what the society is and what its for

Ron: when you are in your 20s it's your job to go to social events

 -its only after your 30s and starting a family that you begin to take on duties

 -everyone needs to talk to their younger members about taking initiative

 -especially those in 30s or 40s

**Motion: Danny moves to adjourn meeting**

**Second: Larry**

**Ayes are unanimous**

Meeting is adjourned at 4:09 PM