Meeting Minutes 11/14/12

Agenda

* Announcements
  + MSA and JSU Mixer
    - Tomorrow at 5:15pm
  + Rabbi Jason (“reinventing SS for the jewish people: *shabbat shalom*”)
    - What’s strong about JSU/what do you like about JSU?
      * trying to engage younger members
      * shabbats have gotten larger!
        + shabbat -> SHABBAT
      * easy to know what’s going on
        + people respond quickly to emails (hillel)
    - why do we come?
      * out of responsibility and altruism
      * expanding Judaism on campus
        + Those people?!?!
      * find out where JSU is going
      * more innovative ideas
    - What is frustrating about JSU? Grrrr!!!
      * bland programs
        + stuck in a rut of the same things
      * not getting non-board members the information to attend that they need to participate
      * atmosphere of board meetings are not fun
      * follow through is not there
    - What’s intriguing?
      * how to get the follow through to work
    - Those People?!?!
      * we want to get to know those people and find out their stories and grow based on that
    - Activity time! Who are we? and Who do we know, do we know these people!?
      * Jen knows lots of people through her connections on campus and presently
      * Erin identifies as a slacker
      * Paul makes Jen look like a slacker
      * Sam does Jewish things!
      * Victoria is in the same contending with Jen and Paul
        + when do they sleep??
      * Tyler is cultured on campus!
      * Kason is the social butterfly of JSU!
      * Purpose: it doesn’t have to be serious organizations, just has to be something you do (interests) that you do with other people
        + friends, here and there, trips/traveling, orgs, societies
    - Networking Activity lead by Rabbi Jason!
      * 6 degrees of separation on UMBC’s campus!
        + from the L word?
      * purpose: this exercise is useful for bringing in new faces and our friends
        + “Probably not, but I will if Kason comes” -Tyler Jackson
      * encouraging a people based approach, programming comes later
        + making things ‘irresistable’
        + finding interests, passions, etc.
      * “woo out the horse hockey, aim low and catch the damn ball!” -Patches O’Wholihan, *Dodgeball*
        + don’t focus on the negativity, just get to know people
        + don’t make JSU events the end all be all
        + be interested, not just interesting
* Closing Arguments
  + it’s a work in progress
  + optimism
* Meeting ended late 9:40ish