

Hamishpacha Minutes - October 6, 2011

Present – Jamie Farrell, Laurie Mulsman, Bari Michaelman-Johnson, Heidi Rubin

1. Salmon Sale – 62 pieces of salmon were sold this year, excellent! We've made approximately \$2,000. We need to review the logistics of dealing with outside vendors. Heidi will send a tribute card as a thank you to the Stavis family; we will also thank them in the next newsletter. Laurie and Jamie will update the page in the handbook. The Stavis family had long ago requested the money to go to Helping Hands, but as we are now a line item in the CHA budget, how will that work? Jamie will meet with Colin to go over the budget.
2. Newsletter – We have received good feedback on the newsletter Jamie wrote. How else can we reach out effectively? Laurie will ask Barbara who is updating the CHA page and how frequently. Ask Jim Uzdarwin about having a CHA Twitter account. It can be used to promote activities and SCRIP.
3. Rosh Hashanah honey went well. Thank you to Jennifer Bookman for arranging the honey gifts to new families. They'll be thanked in the next newsletter. Does she have photos? Jamie will highlight volunteering parents in the newsletter.
4. Doing the apples and honey on the plaza worked very well, we'll do that again weather permitting. However, we need to better plan how to actually serve it to the kids. We should only have 1 or 2 people giving out the honey, perhaps in small plastic cups so kids can dip their own. Not everyone wants honey on their apples.
5. Sukkah breakfast – October 17. We are doing the food. Contact Diane for final number. Bari will order 3 dozen bagels, Heidi will pick up at Stop & Shop. Jamie will buy quick bread,

- cream cheese and fruit and we have salmon. Laurie will help clean up.
6. Box Tops contest underway. Elysa Kaplan is counting and mailing.
 7. SCRIP is self-maintaining
 8. Stop & Shop A+ program – Do parents need to redo? Have we gotten any? Jamie will follow up with Colin.
 9. No Hanukkah fair this year.
 10. Hanukkah shirts – If we are doing it, we use Deb G. for printing. Jamie will check in with Diane on her shirt plans. Collegiate look is popular. Jamie will check with Jill on which name to use. Alex can design with group input. Bari suggested a BC look (Halle has a shirt to use as an example).
 11. Shabbat Dinner – We discussed how to make this a less stressful event for us. We talked about doing smaller class dinners but thought that wouldn't go with our mission of creating community. We're thinking of spending the money to have Marla cook to make it easier for us and alleviate crowding in the kitchen. We also discussed being more sustainable, buying locally whenever possible. Shabbat dinners seem to work better at the beginning of the year, so it was suggested to do a Shabbat dinner at the beginning and Havdallah at the end.

Shabbat dinners include food, ritual and a way to keep the kids occupied. However, Hamishpacha shouldn't have the responsibility of the service or keeping the kids occupied. Laurie will approach Ken and Barbara to ask for a meeting to discuss dinner and the division of responsibilities. Hamishpacha could manage food and invitations via email blast, but not the other two components