

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes 03/26/15

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Mike Shapiro (via Skype), Hyiam Reiffman, Shawn Connelly, Greg, Ostravich, Stuart Zipper

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah Hyiam

Tsav Hashem is telling Moshe about a command for Aaron around sacrifices and the law. The priest shall separate the ashes of the offering and place them next to the altar, then, later removes the ashes to the outside of the camp. What's the big deal about the ashes of the offering? The lesson is something that seems as innocuous as ashes still have laws about them so. Maybe they're not so insignificant.

A scout says something and we think it's silly but maybe to the scout it's something profound. We can treat it like something insignificant; or we can look at the situation and treat it with sincerity. We never know when they're saying something flippant because they're teasing; or whether they're saying something that's special or meaningful to them.

Review of February e-meeting (regular meeting cancelled for weather)

Mike- Deerskin Torah needs repair to become kosher. Estimated repair costs put it out of budget.

National Jamboree “

Planning underway

Reference Shawn's e-mail of last month: comments: Things are in process for 2017.

Broncos Experience: Not Shabbat YAY!!! Scott Fuller was in charge of arranging that and as an LDS member he was sensitive to the Jewish Communities needs around this issue. Michael will put together a thank you to him for this and will deliver it at the next relationships committee meeting.

Lone Tee Chabad Update Greg: Greg needs to follow-up with James Docktor. Mention that Stuart Zipper was a scout master so as a Commissioner he'd be very knowledgeable. A It's in Arapahoe District but Stuart is Council at Large• so he's OK to serve as commissioner.

Old Business

Summer Camp

Week of the 21st for DAT troop; 3 boys have committed. Hyiam may follow-up with BMH's unit to see if they still have somebody that wants to go to Summer Camp with Hyiam's unit.

Shawn Connelly will contact the Magness director to make sure issues around Kashrut are handled correctly. Changes in menu are the issue; no surprise “Dutch Oven” desserts for example.

Eagle Scout candidates progress / status updates

Gavriel Asher Reiffman: Hyiam expects Eagle Project write-up before the school year is out.

Mayer Reynolds: Eagle Project is similar to Gavriel Asher's. No update.

Sam Ostravich: Greg reports that Sam needs 5 badges; working on Eagle Project (garden at Saddle Ranch)

Council Camporee 9/18 - 9/20

JCOS Booth at the Camporee? Greg needs to double check with Randy Burns to see if they do.

Jewish Scout Planned / staffed event?

Hyiam will ask the troop to come up with program best they can. If we need to fill in the blanks that's fine.

Minyan Count: OK on that?

R/T Flyer: awesome - thanks Shawn!

Tell Stuart's friend what we're doing to share with the Denver Council.

Plan our schedule so scouts can participate in the Scout Midway for Camporee.

Hyiam will e-mail Greg to contact Randy for an initial schedule that we can work around.

Reminder: Need a Solar/LED light to leave on to see the cipher door lock.

Frontier District "March meeting was Purim; February Carolyn was out of town so Hyiam didn't make it. April is Erev Pesach. We'll hit May for sure.

Scout Show JCOS Booth Reserved. Tnx Shawn; yay! 4/25

New Business

Letter to Mike from national JCOS. Looking for people to donate to the 23rd World Jamboree in Japan. July- August. 2017 Shawn will be there for a day while there for a visit to his daughter. Committee decided that we have enough challenge trying to support National jamboree and do not have resources for the world event.

Greg will be staffing Wood Badge and addressing Diversity. Greg & kipah story, the "J" word and he doesn't mean Judaism; Amen; et. al. Regarding Skullcaps – Mike pointed out that the Pope and Cardinals wear them. Why is it that they wear them but laymen are uncovered during worship?

Next Meeting: April 23rd at DAT. 7 PM.

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) - Mike

Leviticus Chapter 7 verse 19. Something contaminated must be burned in fire; cannot be consumed. Today we know all about germs. This teaches a valuable and powerful lesson about how we're influenced by our surroundings. When we're around people who decide to do something (good or bad) we become like them. They rub off on you.us Peer pressure; group pressure. We have to distance ourselves from bad behaviors in the same way that bad contaminates the good in this week's parshe.

As leaders we set the examples. Scouts follow our behavior and we can have a long term influence on our scouts. Keep up the good work.