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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes

4/23/15

In Attendance: Hyiam Reiffman, Greg Ostravich, Shawn Connelly, Dave Reynolds, Mike Shapiro, Stuart Zipper

Opening

Pledge of allegiance

Dvar Torah –Hyiam

Tazriah – Tzarat; The condition may be similar to leprosy but this is a spiritual malady and can manifest itself on a person or even a home. It's diagnosed through a Cohain – a “spiritual” doctor. The Cohain shall see it and diagnose it; then he'll declare it pure or impure. The Cohain shall see it is in there twice. Why twice? When the Cohain sees it you can't just look at the bad of someone; take a second look. Look at the person as a whole; the bad and the good. When bad things are spoken they are out there; can't all be taken back. Maybe somebody that's a bit obnoxious is coping and that's why.

Review March Meeting Minutes –

Verify DAT is going June 21st; yes, that's correct. Confusion about if it was in May.

The BMH issue was around equipment; not campers for Summer Camp.

Old Business

Lone tree Chabad update

No update; didn't catch them before Pesach; *Greg will follow up again this week.* Maybe they can have some kids attend Camporee. We'll work with the more stringent standard for the Shabbaton. Shawn Connelly will verify that for a single campout if they are not scouts it's OK.

BMH – Do they still have the equipment that's in Peterson's backyard? The DAT troop could use that.

Summer Camp

Mike Shapiro might join the troop but he'll be in Copenhagen at the end of May; take a Norwegian Cruise, visit Iceland; return the 21st. Stuart can join as well except for Tuesday because he has a medical appointment. Hyiam will check with dads from the Unit. Shawn can cover Tuesday.

Magness update

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Russell Moranto got back with Hyiam; they can accommodate the unit; no food related changes. Foil dinners again; special area for that. Five potential boys; one for sure wants to go. Of the Wolves 1 has a scheduling conflict; one isn't sure of their schedule; one Webelos is concerned about the money issue plus another issue.

Eagle candidate updates

Gavriel Asher – He's working on it. Finishing out the project write-up.

Mayer – He's stalled out; won't make the memorial date. Busy with baseball and BBYO.

Samuel – Progress on the merit badges; not on the project.

Big Horn Training

Not for this year; would love for the kids to go next year.

Council Camporee

Sept. 18, 19, and 20:

Update: Hyiam heard from Randy Bruns; he sent a detailed list of activities. Similar to last time which means some things won't be do-able on Saturday; however if the kids come on Thursday maybe they can take advantage of fun activities then or on early Friday. The kids can observe though – can play Kim's game. Discussion about how the scouts would like to participate.

Davening times – Early Saturday morning last time; do we do the same thing? Normal time and if we can get a minyan we can add. Not sure what to do yet. Not sure we'll have enough for a minyan from the scouts.

Early was good though; didn't exclude anyone from the remainder of the day. Full breakfast and get to flags. We'll get a flyer put together as well.

Attendees from JCOS: Shawn Connelly will be there; Stuart Zipper will be there. Mayer and Dave Reynolds will be at Camp; but since Mayer is the SPL they're not sure if they can go. Mike Shapiro will be there too. Dave met Chris Wiegand (cwiegand@dobizlo.com - Phone: 720-244-1409) who might be able to join the DAT troop too.

Activity that the DAT troop offers – Hyiam is talking with the troop to see what they want to do. One example: Game of human chess. Maybe how to read the trop in the Torah? Stuart thought of a Jewish Songfest. Greg: Would Gaga work? Not sure because of Shabbat restrictions. Mike: Would Bocce ball work?

Torah teaching session too?

Reminder: Jewish scouts from other units can join the DAT troop in the Eruv area. Their level of commitment is up to them but they need to follow the guidelines. If you're staying in the Eruv you need to follow the guidelines. Activities may be limited; but it's a spiritual step-up.

JCOS booth

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Maybe we don't need one if we sponsor an event like Bocce ball. Don't need a midway booth.

Jewish Scout planned/staffed event?

We'll do an activity as mentioned above.

Schedule preview available yet?

No – services early/before breakfast; but otherwise not sure yet.

Scout Show Update

Shawn Connelly will set-up one for the Scout Show. / Dave Reynolds will help staff the booth.

We have a flag; can we get a JCOS banner too? Dave Reynolds has a contact that will help. Dave will put together a few designs and we'll vote on it.

New Business

Nat'l JCOS patch order status – they are in; \$7 per set.

Aleph Award – JCOS needs to sign it. Need the counselor to sign it too. The mom has been guiding but a relative can't do it; maybe a Rabbi, Cantor, or other religious leader can do it. Signed by Mike Shapiro.

Young Yerushaliym – booths and food and Israeli stuff on Sunday. Should we have something at this event? It's probably too soon for this; but should we do something in the future with booths at the carnival at the end? Promote the Camporee? We'll table that for this year; maybe see if any other community events allow us to promote the Camporee; look at doing something like this next year as well.

Next meeting. Date/time/place

May 28th at DAT; 7:00 PM– 8:30 PM

Closing Scoutmaster's minute.

A Pillow Full of Feathers