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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Meeting Minutes

05/28/15

In attendance: Greg Ostravich, Hyiam Reiffman, Mike Shapiro, Stuart Zipper, Shawn Connelly

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Hyiam

Shavuot – Over Memorial Day this year. In the Talmud there is an argument between Rebbe Eliazer and Rebbe Yeshuah about conduct over pilgrimage festivals, Passover and Sukkot; but not Shavuot. Either go to the extreme (dedicate yourself on that holiday totally to the service to G-d, or to yourself to the enjoyment of the holiday.) Pick one. Yeshuah says to split your time equally – some to the service of G-d; some to yourself. They both agree though that for Shavuot you split your time between the two options. Compare Torah knowledge to other academic knowledge. The more they learn the more degrees and certificates they have. But in the Torah world; the great ones are the people who apply the Torah to the real world. It's not about the knowledge; it's about **doing**. The way we take that Torah and apply it is how we demonstrate the greatness of Judaism. If all you do is learn Torah you didn't meet the goal. Same with scouts; you have rules but it's about the application, not just the knowledge. Scouting is action oriented. It's all about the "doing" – put it into action.

Review April meeting minutes. – Take out "Agenda" in the minutes. Shawn will correct tomorrow.

Old Business

Lone Tree Chabad update – No update; Greg pinged his contact but no word yet.

BMH troop equipment – Mike called Mr. Peterson to see about the equipment. Mike will be out of town and will follow-up when he gets back.

Summer Camp

Dietler -Review 2nd adult support for T1613 – Going up Sunday with the troop. Need to verify they have the site. Should be in Caribou; not Buckskin Joe (because of the schlep and the prep.) Can use the CPAP requirement for Mike Shapiro of electricity as a justification. Leave around 9 or 9:30 on Sunday morning. Challenges with Merit Badge Treks because scouts have some in that trek already. Hyiam will bring it up to round table; Shawn will work the other side from Camp. Stuart, Shawn, and Mike will staff different days to help out for the 2nd Adult. Four boys going to camp.

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Summer Camp continued.

Magness – Only 1 boy going up; Hyiam will come up to help with Gavriel Asher.

Eagle candidate updates

Flags for Memorial Day was a “bust” because of Shavuot – Any thoughts about Veterans Day? Wed, November 11th.

Sam’s project – District was dragging their feet we’ll work on that.

Gavriel Asher – working on paperwork for the Project; working on merit badges.

Council Camporee – Schedule the same as last time; have the commissary.

We have Caribou again.

Updates?

Early Shabbos morning dovening – boys agreed.

Boys excited about opening the program up to them.

Cholent again?

Shawn will stay with the DAT troop.

Activities Scouts can participate in?

Kim’s game - anything else?

Can we get a schedule for the games?

Scout Games / Camp Activities

Bocce ball?

Corn Hole set from Coleman factory outlet in Castle Rock?

JCOS Banner – update Dave? Dave’s not here; no update.

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DAC - Chaplain Aide Training

Resume in 2016? Summer of 2016; around August

Any interest in Attending / Staffing? Greg is interested with his current Chaplain's Aide.

Bronco's night - Word of Recognition for the Popcorn people (Scott Fuller) because the \$1,000 seller night was not on Shabbos. Hyiam had a scout that went; it was Wednesday May 27th. Some bad weather; kids couldn't go on the field the whole time. That wasn't an option on the private tours previously. No Bronco's there and that was disappointing. Lined up ahead of time; started on time. Couldn't hear the initial announcement (needed a loud speaker/PA system.) There were stations (for autographs?) but the tables were empty. Lot's of positive stuff though. Had a drawing at the end; but even with 150 winners the scouts that didn't get a prize were supposed to get Bronco towels and there weren't enough towels. Next time you really need more of the towels. No sign-in either; kids could have been there that didn't earn the prize and that could be why they ran out. Need a check-in procedure.

Next Meeting?

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Greg

Memorial Day. Here's something that's fitting for that holiday

Sometimes we take for granted the men and women that sacrificed their lives for this country. There were many soldiers who gave up their futures so each of us could have our own futures. There stands a monument at Guadalcanal (in the Solomon Islands near Papa New Guinea - not far from Australia) where, during World War II, a U.S. Marine regiment was totally annihilated. The inscription reads: "When you go home, tell them, and say, 'For their tomorrows, we gave our today.'"

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