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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes

05/26/16

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

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Hyiam

Bahar: Laws around every 7 years and every 50 years (Jubilee year); what will we eat? G-d will make an abundant year. But we have to ask. Why do we have to ask? To put it in the forefront of our minds. Sensitivity to others in need. Experiential education. In scouting we're always working with the Youth from all different backgrounds. We might not even think of the questions. Let them learn.

Review February meeting minutes. - Minutes approved; accepted as posted.

Old Business

New unit / recruitment initiatives? – No progress from Greg; Lindsey might be working with Temple Emanuel, Shawn will follow-up.

STEM scouting is big; anything from DAT that would mean we should sponsor a STEM lab? 6 years old+; different labs for different age groups and its co-ed. **Can we send a link to Hyiam so they can check it out for DAT?** They do the pledge, then a description of how they'll explore, then a lab. Lots of different types of labs. Shawn will get more details to share with Hyiam and the rest of the JCOS. Joe Farrell is in charge of it in DAC.

Eagle Scout candidates –progress / status updates?

Dave Reynolds: Mayer completed two more merit badges; 3 left, personnel mgmt., cooking, physical fitness. Mayer needs a project; working with the Rabbi on a few things.

Sam: Busy with golf; still has some merit badges to finish.

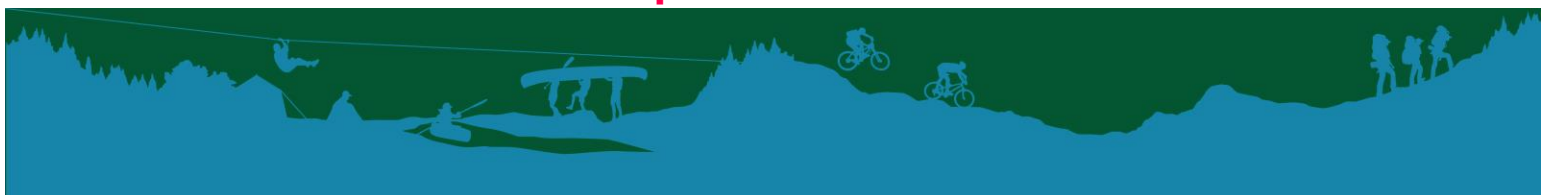
Gavriel Asher – still in progress.

Publicity:

JCOS Banner –Shawn reports artwork drafted.

Spoke with Jan Marie – graphic designer; got her the material and design.

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National Logo at the Top; BSA sideways, Denver JCOS, with the scouts hiking on it as pictured in the banner at the footer of these minutes above.

Flyers – Still awaiting programming:
Last September was the Shabbaton at Dietler.

What will we do for this year?

Sukkot, Chanukah, Tubishvat Seder for February 2017.
Maybe Erev Sukkot (October 16th) we set-up the Sukkah at DAT.
Or on October 22nd we camp out in the Sukkah overnight.
Or October 8th 2017 for a Kinnus. (Sunday) – (first day is the 5th)
We decided to take time off; shoot for the October 2017 Kinnus.

Programs – Scout trip to Israel -2018 - Update Shawn
Has a sheet from a website – trips at Chanukah, Pesach, Summer Camps.
Chanukah – Go to the Desert; like a Jamboree for 4 days. Augment w/other tours. (2018)
(December 12th 2018 is Chanukah)
Shawn waiting for more details.

DAC CATC Course - Scheduled Aug 21, 2016, 1-8 pm @ Scout HQ.
“extra” Adults can attend w/o a youth to mentor – trying to build “trained” staff for future

Dave/Meyer - Still available to staff? He and Mayer are in to help with the training, they spoke with Amy at the Scout Show.

New Business

Summer Camp – T1613 has 3 scouts registered. 4th of July week; one is coming from Israel because he made Aliyah and is coming back for Summer Camp. Moved to Caribou so we have access to electricity for some medical needs. July 3rd – July 8th. The DAT troop meets the first and third Sundays 10-12 at Hyiam’s house. The next one will be June 5th.

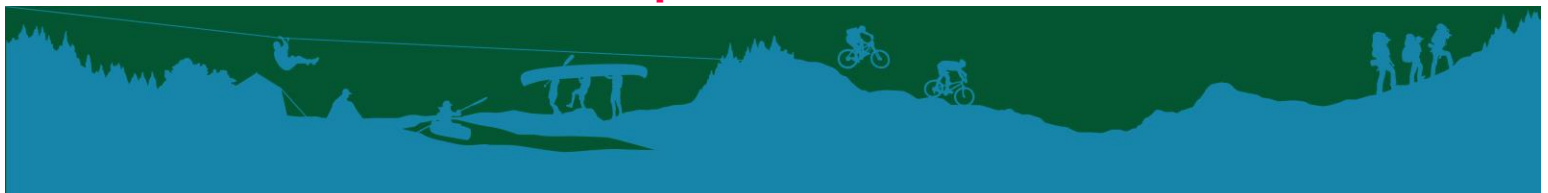
Jambo – Mayer is going with Bob Buckner’s unit; Troop 3.

Next Meeting? - August 25th / DAT

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Mike

This week’s parshe – Bahar: Crop yielded for 3 year period. Blessings of bounty for that 6th year; the 6th, the 7th and the 8th year. Farmer who observes Shemittah is a mighty warrior. For example: Daniel sees 3 suits; out of his price

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range. Salesman says hang on, we'll find one. Daniel tries it on again; it fits great. Expensive but it's fancy. The salesman convinces him to make the sale. In the 6th year it's easy to think: You have an incredible field, you got 3 times the normal amount and it will do that next year too. Don't stop! Person knows it's because of the Torah's promise; overcome that challenge and you're a mighty warrior. Don't change our minds from one minute to the next; don't buy into the media and don't get swayed by others. Stick to your principles; do what you know is right.

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