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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Agenda 02/25/16

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Hyiam

Kitisa – Moshe counts B'nai Yisrael. Everyone contributes a half-shekel; they count the shekels to know how many people they have. “This” you shall give. Pulls out a fiery coin in the shape of a half-shekel. Why a fiery coin? We know fire has some destructive powers; but it has constructive powers too. Money can be used for good or bad. In our scouting world we can look at this literally and figuratively. Scouts can't handle fire until they're trained properly but we want them to learn how to use it. Same with money. Thrifty is a point in the scout law as well as the Eagle required Financial Management merit badge. Two sides to every coin. Show them things can be for the good or bad; it's how it's used.

Review January meeting minutes

Posted to the website. Approved as published

Old Business

New unit initiatives? Greg – no update. District Executive level focused on recharterers and sports breakfast coming up. We'll re-address it after that.

Eagle Scout candidates –progress / status updates?

- Sam – No Update
- Gavriel Asher – No Update
- Mayer – No Update; been busy with OA.

Publicity:

JCOS Banner – Status –Shawn? Nicole says we can proceed; just need artwork for the banner. Shawn will put together a draft with some of the artwork from National JCOS.

Flyers – Waiting on Programming.

Programs?

Scout Trip to Israel in 2018.

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Shawn did some research on that.

There are two scout associations in Israel: Tzofim, Guides and Scouts of Israel.

They do tours; in the \$1500 to \$1600 range.

Program up on their website.

Airfare extra.

Fundraising for this?

Specific tours and times that they give

Next Step:

Find out if there's interest and get more details on the program:

- Shawn will come up with a more detailed description.
- We'll ask to see if Jews and Non Jews can attend.
- We'll ping the districts with flyer to see if there's interest.
- How does Shabbat work if it's over Shabbat? What happens with non-Jews?

New Business

National JCOS New initiatives?

Mike: National JCOS wants to reorganize; de-centralize and help local areas like ours. They may want to dictate our program; not sure if that's necessary. National JCOS also has a scholarship program for graduating HS seniors.

Shawn: Like a franchise operation; National can come out and make modifications but the local committees (boots on the ground) are the ones making the decisions.

Greg: We don't have a surplus of volunteers so National probably won't be dictating to us. Not like they could pick somebody else to do it since we're short staffed on the committee.

Shawn – they want a more standard set-up; but they need more bodies. They want to re-invigorate all the JCOS units.

The National JCOS sets the standards for the religious awards; help establish local committees; provide guidance. Outside of the major metropolitan areas what do you do?

DAC CATC Course - Scheduled Aug 21, 2016, 1-8 pm @ Scout HQ.

Question: Can non Chaplains/Chaplain's Aides attend? Maybe. Maybe we'll do it that the youth can come must have an adult; but an adult can attend without a youth. Mike will ask Amy about that for the next meeting.

Looking at getting some adult leaders trained to carry this on.

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Greg: Let Dori Hammer know about this; she wants to attend for OA; let Greg Boe know too. Wait until I hear back from Mike – he's going to ask about that change to accommodate the adults attending without youth.

Mike spoke with Dave Reynolds and Mayer Reynolds and they would like to staff as adult and youth.

Hyiam – that Sunday is the Sunday before school starts during teacher training so he can't commit just yet. He needs to check his schedule and see if that will work.

National reviewed the Denver course; getting conflicting information; waiting to hear back but we'll proceed with this course in the meantime as is.

Other New Business?

Jambo 2017 – Shawn is staffing; not sure if Mayer wants to go. Gavriel Asher is interested. Hyiam mentioned it at the troop and other scouts are interested too. They'll go with the Shomer Shabbat contingent. The website isn't up yet. Can we put together a flyer for that and start recruiting? Shawn will reach out to National for this. Mike had an option to go; but is not sure he will.

Scout Show Booth – Shawn will have that; he'll follow-up with Cathy Craig. Greg may get more time because the Jambo booth will be heavily staffed.

Existing/New Scouting Units:

DAT Pack did not re-charter

What about recruitment posters at DAT?

Temple Emanuel Troop?

Lone Tree Chabad Troop?

-- Follow-up on recruitment posters and new units next month.

Next Meeting? - Date / Time / Location??

Meet March 31st at DAT at 7 PM (Note: March 24th is Purim)

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Mike

Dancing around the Golden Calf. Sounds of rejoicing? Moses heard it as sounds of distress. It's like when a baby cries; the mother knows if it's a hunger cry, dirty cry, tired cry, et. al. We need to be able to listen and understand who is saying what and why they are using those words to get the message across. Need to be listening to them to understand their needs. When we listen to people we need to understand that the same words from different people may convey different meaning - we really need to know who is doing the talking and understand what they're really trying to say, and avoid hearing the message through our personal filters.

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