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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes

February 23, 2012

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Parashas: Terumah - Hyiam: Same one used at Kondike prior weekend.

Offerings/Contributions for the Tabernacle/Mishkan.

Take an offering from every man whose heart motivates him; G-d says take my portion from everybody whose heart is willing. This is voluntary; not a commanded offering.

An offering or gift to G-d; it's really about our willingness to give. It's giving from hearts.

That's the real gift.

In Scouts we're all giving all the time; easy to say "Oh...that kid again?" and not have your heart in it; but this portion helps us re-learn how to give of ourselves. That willingness, freshness, and love as we give "gifts" to each other.

Reviewed Minutes from last meeting - Approved as posted.

Old Business

Training Update - Chaplain Aide - no update

ITOLS - follow-up – "Test out" update;

Shawn reported there will be 3 Test-Out sessions this year. Various districts; one on a Thursday night. Hyiam will contact Tina Meyers at HQ, and Dave Bowen at District. For Scout Masters and ASMs, ITOLS is a requirement. Hyiam did some of the training for ITOLS at Klondere. (Post meeting follow-up – Shawn reports that Hyiam's training @ Klondike completes him for ITOLS.)

"Boy Scout Barachot" - Greg O's Ticket Project – Wording on cover note regarding "do not discard - return to DAC BSA/JCOS for proper disposal" was approved. Next step is to approach Steve Powell regarding printing and lamination. Action: Greg/Shawn for printing and distribution to camps.

Israel Scouts – Greg - Pinged Stuart to see if he can follow up since he's in Israel.

Klondike – After-action report – Hyiam –

It was **AWESOME**; lots of planning for Dutch oven preparation and purchases, turkey fryers, didn't have a duty roster; played some by ear.

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Most meals made by adults this time; Monday AM davening; at the end of davening Hyiam asked the scouts to pull breakfast together as a crew without adult help. One scout turned to the table and said, “Look, we’ve already done that.” Without being asked, without a sound, just did it on their own. Very awesome and wonderful experience. Bonding, growth, and leadership. Wonderful experience.

Lesson learned for New Dutch ovens - 450 degrees for 40 minutes, then re-season. For Used Dutch Ovens (and other cast ironware) use a self-cleaning oven and then re-season. . Pricey but a one-time thing; should be good for next time.

Didn’t hit all of what they’d hoped to accomplish but will try and continue to improve. Troop didn’t hit “Journey of Excellence” goal for camping, but will do better next time. Will do some backyard campouts. Some scouts slept out in snow caves left over from Okpik Session.

They have a picture of all of them together in the Quinzhee. Some Scouts slept in it; for part of the night, Hyiam’s Son spent the whole night.

Hyiam would like to acknowledge Dave Bowen and JD Leonard at Frontier District who made special arrangements for their Troop; got to do a ton of great activities because they stayed and helped. Thank you so much Dave & JD! Dave also stayed and ate with the Troop, taught the Fireman Chit, the Tote’n Chip ; wonderful stuff; what a great guy. Mike will send a follow-up “thank you” to them. From JCOS

Greg had provided Hyiam instructions to make Monkey Fist Loopies. Hyiam made blue/white monkey fist loopies for his Scouts that attended Klondike. Fun thing. Kids loved it!

Broncos Day for \$1000 sellers – Shawn

Jim Machamer has been involved; waited for after the Pro-Bowl so can start planning this now. May do it on a Sunday this year so no special arrangements will be needed for Shomer Shabbat Scouts. Only challenge would be LDS but the \$1000 units they had were very few. **Shawn will Jim know when Pesach is so they don’t schedule a conflict on that Sunday.**

Database Update – Jewish Scouts/Scouters – Shawn

No update yet. National system needs to track it. Shawn will look at setting up a separate database; Mike will give him his contact information.

Jamboree (Jul 7-24, 2013) Update – Follow-ups from Howard Spielman?

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Mike sent a note to Howard Spielman about getting involved at the National Level. Hasn't heard back yet. Shawn had talked to him at the last Jamboree. They'll do the same thing as last time. Troops from Old Colony Council in Boston, Mammoth Council in New Jersey and then they take on the Shomer Shabbos extras who register with their troops. Mike expressed concern that we be proactive about this because last time it was too late when the Shomer Shabbat contingent reached out to Denver. Hyiam's son is very excited about this; wants to do popcorn sells. Shawn also sent a reminder to Howard about Jamboree. Mike has arranged a "kitchen Pass" and is eager to help out and attend with the Denver Jewish Scouts.

Greg would like to brainstorm financing; fundraising for the Jewish contingent. For a future discussion.

Council Camporee (PV, Sep 21-23, 2012) –

Programming Clarification - religious services request
T700, T1613 participation?

Mike talked with Matt Maranto about this. If either of our troops goes they'll do a service anyway so it's not an issue. Nt scheduling necessary. They'll just do their own thing; shacharit, musaf, mincha, and maariv service. Will there be enough for a minyan? Shawn?, Greg, Stuart, Scott, Hyiam, Mike, and if Zach (Greg's son) can go he'll count too. We'll see if we can get more but we should be able to make a minyan. We need to figure out what a Troop Shabbat program looks like. Hyiam will follow up with Stewart about this. Mike mentioned we could use a Barrel botton to keep a fire off the ground, and make a "cholent" for Shabbat lunch. Camporee organizers will know 1613 will come early to set up before Shabbat. Still solidifying; but if Troop 1613 can go then their services will be open to the public. Mike asked about borrowing Siddurim for Services. Hyiam said he could make up some Shabbat service sheets that we could print out for Then we could bring just a notebook full instead of a box of suddurim. Have a place for the tallit to be kept for shabbot? Or would the eruv be enough. Matt said at every flag ceremony there will be an invocation or benediction. We feel those should all be offered by scouts; graduates from the Chaplain's Aide program. Will the prayers be in a way so that they respect a multi-faith audience? Mike will work with them on that. How do we do it so it doesn't offend from our perspective either? Or do we have everyone do a prayer for their different faiths? Hyiam is putting one together for an event. He'll check his chaplain's aide training notes; they were screened for denominational neutrality.

Summer camp "guidance" for Hyiam – Greg

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Greg provided Hyiam the notes he had from Wood Badge as well as the 2 powerpoint presentations. Both the Parent and Scout Presentations that he gave to the parents about the upcoming camp and the scouts who would be going were given to Hyiam.

JCOS end of year report – Mike – update

In progress; not done yet. Hopefully next week. Shawn got his performance review and wants to encourage religious programs within council. The DAC is **VERY** impressed to where we started and where we've come and that we are nationally recognized for the great job the DAC does! Kinnus, Jewish Scouts trained for Chaplain's Aide, Training sessions accommodating religious requirements, events that can accommodate religiously observant Jewish troops. Edwin has become "Hyiam" – the fact that he can use his Hebrew name now and everybody knows Edwin is "Hyiam" is Rabbi Reiffman is a great thing.

New Business - None

Next Meeting: - Date / Time / Location

March 22nd? DAT at 19:00 hours. Mike should be back in Denver.

Closing (Scoutmaster's Minute) – Mike

Also based on this week's parsha.

A teacher in Jerusalem instituted a "Tanach Devore" – talking fast; not allowed to speak unless absolutely necessary.

Students shocked to discover things. One student held a conversation with a friend for over an hour even though the student, Stephanie, didn't speak. Friend thought it was a great conversation. Many would rather talk, and then listen. Judaism teaches listening is important. That is why torah study is more important than prayer. – We are "listening to G-d's word. G-d commanded Moses to make a tabernacle and that G-d will dwell among them. Same with scouts; you need to dwell among them and just listen to what they're saying amongst themselves. Learn where their heads are at. Then we can be more effective.

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