



Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes

8/23/112

In attendance: Stuart via Skype; Mike Shapiro, Shawn Connelly, Greg Ostravich, Hyiam Reiffman

Opening
Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Parsha Shoftim - Rabbi Reiffman

If someone is found dead between two cities, the elders of the nearer city do a procedure to “wash their hands” of the death and say they didn’t do it because they might be guilty of not knowing he was there. Had they known he was passing through town they would have provided him with comfort, provisions, et. al. ; he wasn’t a part of a bigger whole and may have been lonely and that may have been a part of his death. Had they known, that might not have happened. Within the Jewish World (and outside of it) we need to be a part of something bigger. So every individual doesn’t see themselves as an lone individual. In the same way scouting is a larger community; and we need to participate and include everyone to fulfill that piece of their soul or inside their heart.

Review Minutes from last meeting

- Mike reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. They were accepted as reviewed. Mike will forward them to Shawn for posting to our website.

Old Business

Jamboree

Fundraising – Hyiam working with Troop 92 from DAC.

Early Bird Sign-up discount – That’s in process for Mike and Hyiam and the other scouts from DAT.

Discussion regarding transportation:

estimate 3 Scouts + 2 adults= 5 people;

airfare is probably more than \$300 per person or \$1500 – maybe they drive instead.

Chaplain Aide training :

Committee is considering whather to offer it again this year.

Mike has suggested to the CAT committee to offer to put it on at Jamboree. No response yet.

Council Camporee

Status update:



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Dana will be @ PV Sunday at 2:30 PM; Mike Shapiro will be there as well with Hyiam to look over the physical layouts. Stuart said Caribou site is really close to the commissary; an Eruv should be easy. The Caribou site might be the double-site up the hill by the metal working area. If we get into Caribou there's power from the Latrine area – we can run crock pots for Shabbat lunch food.

Looked at the numbers; we've got 7 confirmed and 6 maybe RSVPs.

DAC Fall Kinus 12/9 –

Discussion:

- No conflicts on JewishDenver.com ; do we have the staffing to pull this off?
- Shawn will take point on this. What will we do for the program? Inside? Outside?
- Venue – Hyiam will check if DAT is available. JCC? At another synagogue? It's a small space. We had about 40 people last time so we don't need a huge space. Even if we hit 75 we could still use the multipurpose room. Plan for at DAT.
- Program? .
 - Religious Award Presentations – maybe a half-hour?
 - Dreidel games.
 - Relay games.
 - Learning about Channukah. Stations that describe aspects of it?
- Food? Latke's and Doughnuts.
- Logistics? May need cleaning crew from night before.

JCOS Attendance / Meeting day – Discussed this; we'll stay with last Thursday of month.

New Business ?

Summer Camp – Boy Scout Barchot – big hit at Medicine Mtn. Scout Ranch but need to add transliteration. Lots of requests to understand the Hebrew pronunciation. Greg will work with Shawn to update it. Used a page protector to keep it safe.

Grow Scout Participation

Possible growth of kids joining the pack and troop at DAT? Two that are probably Hillel kids have joined. Need Den leaders at DAT? Core was a Husband and Wife team but life changes mean they won't be able to continue necessarily. Maybe but not sure. Alternative is a new Den Leader – Crystal Smith doing Webelos I and II? Only have one wolf; it's a wolf/bear den combo now. There was discussion about growing scout participation for the DAT Unit and potential avenues for that growth.

Next Meeting: - Date / Time / Location – 9/27/12, 7:30 PM, @ DAT

Closing (Scoutmaster's Minute) - Mike



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Parshe Shoftim – Moses instructs the Jews with additional commandments. When they appoint a King he shall make two copies of the Torah; one for his Treasury, the other he'll read from every day and keep it with him at all times. The lesson here is that people in charge not have one set of rules for themselves and one for everybody else. When you're the one barking out orders it's easy to forget you have a boss (G-d) to answer to as well.

There are many aspects to being a leader but we must follow the same rules as well. For example: parent tells the children never to lie but says to tell someone that they're not home if they get a phone call they don't want to take. We must practice what we preach, and set the example, because that's what G-d has in mind.