



Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes

10/25/2012

In attendance: Stuart Zipper; Mike Shapiro, Shawn Connelly, Hyiam Reiffman, Scott Markowitz

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Rabbi Reiffman

Review Minutes from last meeting

- Mike reviewed the minutes of the last meeting and they were accepted with one correction, Greg Ostravich was incorrectly listed as having been in attendance.

Old Business

Jamboree

It was noted that the DJCOS will be heavily represented at the Jamboree, but we are light on Jewish Scouts from the Denver area.

Rabbi Reiffman said that he had found various campership opportunities and has been encouraging other parents to seek out such financial support for their sons to attend the Jamboree. As an example, he said that his son had been able to find a \$300 campership with only a bit of effort. Rabbi Reiffman also noted that this own son had reached \$3,000 in popcorn sales, a percentage of which goes to pay for his Jamboree expenses.

Mike Shapiro suggested the Jewish troop could raise more popcorn funds by setting up a table at the East Side Kosher Deli, but Rabbi Reiffman felt it would not be very profitable. In general, he noted, sales of popcorn were slow. Shawn Connelly added that Council-wide sales this year were not good, about 6% down from last year.

Council Camporee

Following up on last month's discussion of the Camporee, it was noted that while there was excellent attendance at JCOS activities by Scouts from three troops and by various adults, there was a failure to get adequate publicity out to reach other Jewish Scouts and Scouters who might have been there. Rabbi Reiffman noted that there was even a boy from DAT who is in a Troop other than the DAT troop who would have participated, but he did not even know that there were Jewish activities at the Camporee.

Chanukah Kinus – The DJCOS will hold a Chanukah Kinus on 12/9/2012



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Shawn Connelly said that he had drafted a flyer based on last year's Succot event, with changes to be made to the flyer based on DJCOS planning decisions. Those decisions, as taken at the meeting, included the menu, activities and schedule. To wit:

Menu: Latkes and doughnuts (mention of hot dogs will be removed from the flyer), plus apple sauce, etc. for the Latkes. A discussion ensued on best way to heat the latkes, given the ban on any kind of open flame inside the DAT building. Hyiam Reiffman suggested we might set up a camp stove outside, using water pans to heat the latkes. Hyiam and Shawn will do the shopping.

Patches: Shawn Connelly noted that there were only two weeks left to order patches, because of the 30 day lead time needed to have them made. Scott Markowitz suggested we find Scouts to do the design, and while there was general agreement that is always a good idea, there just isn't enough time left to do that for this event. It was decided that Shawn Connelly would have the design crafted, ghosting the MagenDavid/FleurdeLis emblem and with a Chanukiah in front.

The following schedule for the event was set:

- 30 minutes – Registration, meet and greet and opening flags
- 30 minutes – Invocation by a Scout and Chanukah presentation of some sort. If possible we will ask a local rabbi to do the presentation about Chanukah.
- 10 minutes – Awards (Greg and Haim to get Shofar, plus any youth awards if possible)
- 30 minutes – Religious awards breakout. Activity for other Scouts TBD.
- 30 minutes – Chanukah games and songs. Stuart Zipper to provide DJCOS with details of his classic Scout Menorah Race.
- 30 minutes – A Scout Is Hungry (latkes and jelly donuts)
- 10 minutes – Closing/Scoutmaster's minute.

The schedule covers 2 hours 50 minutes, leaving 10 minutes of flexibility in the three hours set for the event (10 AM-1PM).

Troop & Pack 1613 staffing: Haim Reiffman briefed the DJCOS on the level of volunteer adult staffing for his troop and pack. He could use more volunteers.

Next Meeting – Nov 29th, @ DAT, @ 7:30 PM (moved from the previous week due to Turkey Day).