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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Agenda

04/25/13

Attendance:

Scott Markowitz – In attendance
Greg Ostravich – In attendance
Hyiam Reiffman – In Attendance
Dave Reynolds – Can't make it tonight
Mike Shapiro – In Attendance
Stuart Zipper – In Attendance
Shawn Connelly – Can't make it tonight

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Parsha Parah Emor – Hyiam

Parshe about Kohanim and the law; refers to them as the Sons of Aaron. It says this because Aaron is diligent about teaching his children the laws about being a Priest. Kohanim are Jews like everyone else ; so one might slip and not teach Priestly instruction. You need to be even more diligent as a Kohan. In our day to day lives today; people are moral; but that doesn't mean you can stop being diligent. We have to follow the book and follow the guide.

Review Minutes from February meeting: OK. Minor corrections; all agreed.

Old Business

Jamboree 2013

Hyiam and son approved for the Contingent.
Mike is wait-listed because of the ratio of adults to kids.

Chaplain Aide Training update – Mike --- Committee met twice; last week in May might work best; Tuesday/Thursday or Monday/Wednesday.

Greg will ping the contingent to see if May 21st and 23rd or May 28th and 30th – 6 PM – 9 PM at Hamilton Scout Headquarters. That's a Tuesday and Thursday either the 2nd to last week or the last week of May.

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Course will be Jamboree focused – limited enrollment
Curriculum and syllabus in review.
Dates out for review

C207 to join Observant troop for Services?? – Scott/Greg
Note: They are in Sub-Camp: A (A352)

Frontier Dist Spring Camporee – Hyiam
They got a lot of snow; we'll see if it melts. Be prepared.

minyan status - 7 Scouts and 7 Adults; 11 that qualify for the minyan.

Non Scouts - Adults
Youth

Scouts: Entire troop including Aaron Adinov and Zach.

Bring sack dinner for Friday night; medical forms (A & B)

P/T 1316 Summer Camp Arrangements

Magness –

Can Stuart serve in loco parentis w/ parental permission? – Shawn

Stuart heard back that the scout will go; Council said Stuart can be “In Loco Parentis” so that’s great news.

Hyiam is trying to figure out a way to make it up to his Pack based on what happened last year at Magness. There were routine changes that made it hard for a Shomer Shabbos Kosher troop to be accommodated and the group was split. This happened at Session 1. This might have affected the down turn in Pack numbers. Hyiam will have 4 at Magness; is taking some extra to help.

Dates? – Hyiam (Moved because it was during 17th Tammuz – now June 30th – July 2nd).

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Dietler – Hyiam – June 16th – June 21st

Recognition for Jewish Eagles

Graphic – Shawn – No progress; continue next month.

Certificate – Mike – No progress; continue next month.

Jewish Girl Scouting – Scott, Shawn

Standards for Girl Scouts created by PRAY – the same as the organization that creates our Boy Scout Religious Award standards. Faith and Me – not specific to a particular faith; about 10 minutes to earn this patch. Scott found the “National Jewish Committee on Girl Scouting” but the content is by purchase only. Awards for grades 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12. Not as time intensive as the Eitz Chaim for example. Cost is to recover the printing and mailing cost. Costs are not prohibitive. Does anyone want to borrow them and see what they think?

We need to find out if John Cabeza is open to us supporting that.

Let’s put this off until August; we can follow-up then and invite the Girl Scout Leaders interested to the Kinnus we implement this Fall.

We should talk to Carolyn Reiffman and Marcy Schrieber about coming too.

Membership Standards update.

Never been anything published on the Youth or Adult side about orientation; the new standard says Youth will not be turned away because of orientation. If the proposal is voted on and approved January 2014.

For adults it’s sort of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” – a continuation of existing policy within our council.

New Business

Fall Kinnus – let’s start looking at a date.

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September 22nd is the Sunday of Sukkot – maybe we push back into October or November. Maybe we don't theme it to a Holiday. Although Hanukah is over Thanksgiving. Let's look at October and we'll go without a theme.

We'll see if we can still volunteer at the farm; or if there's other public service things we could do.

Rabbi Reifman's daughter would like to participate in a Venturing Crew ; or they could create a Venturing Crew. Is there a way we can put out feelers in the community to see if other girls are interested in joining a venture crew? Aaron Adinov's sister and Scott's daughter are in a venture crew; would they be interested in joining a new crew?

Can we put out some flyers in to the Round Table meetings in the future to see if there's interest?

Let's see if Hyiam's daughter is still interested in it; if so we can start working this in the Fall and Winter so there's something ready come Spring.

Stuart brought up us fostering some other Front Range Jewish Troops. Let's look at this again; it may be a challenge finding adults to lead it.

Israeli Scouts – was a cost involved last time; let's revisit if this is doable because of our standards around inclusiveness so everyone can participate.

On the drive up from Florida Mike Shapiro participated in a conference call for the Council Relationships Committee – this is for the religious aspect of scouting within the Denver Area Council. National Jewish Congress outreach was discussed. This was a meeting to reorganize the group; Boy Scout 101 for this first meeting. How it's structured; sponsoring/charter organization, et. al.

Hyiam's Troop has its first Star Scout – Gavriel Asher. Trying to figure out OA as well because Gavriel Asher qualifies. His local troop needs to have an election to nominate him; have an election. Forestberg where Shomer Shabbot contingent is going they'll be able to participate in an Ordeal. Hyiam will talk with Greg Holt to make arrangements.

Next Meeting: - Date / Time / Location
5/30/2013 (5th Thursday) at 7:00 PM; may push back to the 23rd; depending on the Chaplain's Aide Training dates.

Closing – Scoutmaster's Minute – Mike

In Numbers it says referring to the Kohanim that they shall be holy to their G-d and shall not desecrate his name. It's like a baseball team, and the coaches picking the best players. The manager needs each player to excel in their position. So to, G-d picks the players that can become great and accomplish great things. An individual player who

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fails will result in the whole team not performing as well. Work until you become the best you can be.

TO DO ITEMS

- Greg will ping the Jambo contingent re: Chaplain's Aide Training.
- Greg will ping Ekkar farms to see if we could volunteer in October.

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