DAC-BSA JCOS
Meeting Minutes
10/28/2010

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Mike Shapiro, Shawn Connelly, Greg Ostravich, and Stuart Zipper.

Mike Shapiro gave a D'var Torah from the weekly Portion. Briefly, Abraham sent his servant Eliezar on a mission to find a suitable wife for Isaac. Just as Eliezar stayed focused on the mission and saw it to completion, so too do we have a mission for our JCOS, and we need to stay focused to accomplish it.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

The draft mission statement from the prior meeting was reviewed. There were no suggestions for revising it so it was approved as written in the minutes.

The meeting moved to a discussion of goals, and listed the following

- Long term goal - Denver Jewish Contingent to the next Jamboree (in 2013).
    - T700 used to send a contingent, it hasn't happened in recent history

- Short term goal - Jewish Units need to show up to Camporees.
    - Targeting Frontier District might be our best bet - T700 exists, T1613 is forming
- Short term goal - Kinnus - Camporee for Jewish Scouts. Discussion points
    - Run as Shomer Shabbos so we can be all inclusive.
    - Hold a Kinnus at Magness, and use the JCC Kosher Kitchen which isn't far away.
    - Needs an Eruv. (Verify integrity of existing eruv. Extend to include Magness?)
    - Establish "reasonable Standards/ practices" (See below.)
    - Central Kosher Kitchen VS Patrol Style.
        - Then each one cooks for themselves and Kosher kitchen doesn't matter.
    - Try for 2012 Fall / Sukkot - beginning of October.
    - Run on Monday and Tuesday. (Avoids Shabbat /Yom Tov restrictions).
    - Sukkah building is a good pioneering project.
        - Kids would have to come in on Friday morning to put up the Sukkah.

- Short term goal - Nominations for the Shofar Award, and Encourage religious awards for Jewish Scouts

- Short term Goal – Troop Chaplains
    - Mike Is working with Council Chaplain Aide Training Course (CATC) Committee to Schedule/conduct the training course on a non-Shabbat.

- Short term goal - Jewish Brochot (Greg is working on this, Mike will provide a handout from the CATC)

- Long Term Goal - Jewish Wood Badge Course (Weekday course)

- Short Term Goal - More Jewish sensitivity for Wood Badge.

- Long Term Goal - Document the details from Stuart's past experience to help for future scouts and scout leaders.

Shawn Connelly reported on the Western Region JCOS (WR-JCOS) meeting in Las Vegas.

Great conference, learned a lot!
About 30 people went; 4 tables of 8 ish.
National has brochures for recruiting Scouts to Jewish Units.
They talked about the Shofar award; gave out some Chaim awards (regional awards)
Caravan - Israeli scouts coming through, we need sponsors.
A year in advance; we can get in touch for 2011 and try to help.
Sean has a contact at National for them.
Conducting a Kinnus didn't happen; but they want to do that.
Chaplain services; we need to provide a Jewish presence during University of Scouting.
Educate our youth to stand up as well and speak out when prayers aren't eccumenical.
Sean said the diversity of Judaism was covered at the conference; -
Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, Orthodox, Chabbad
Be sensitive to that.
Sean shared the WR-JCOS laws and regulations around Sabbath overnights. We can use them as a starting point for our DAC-JCOS standards
Some measure of flexibility and reason needs to be used.
Example; if no Minyan, adjust services accordingly.
Shawn can get brochures for recruiting efforts from National.

New Business:
The Burial Society (Rocky Mountain Chevera Kaddisha (RMCK)) is running out of Talleism; some people don't have a personal tallis, so RMCK provides one.
T7700 Scouts will go through the BMH talleisim and cull out the well worn ones for the Chevra Kaddisha. This may be a good Eagle Project for Scouts in other Congregations. We'll notify the Jewish Troops, and Scouts maybe through the Council Newsletter. Also DAC –JCOS members can present the idea to the various District Roundtables.

Shawn reminded us that JCOS should approve religious awards for Scouts and Scouters.
It is another way for us to get ourselves recognized in the community.

We should select an awards chairperson, and perhaps downstream and awards subcommittee

Greg Ostravich has agreed to be secretary for the DAC- JCOS, and take minutes.

Next Meeting:

Discuss standards around Halachic and Kashrut observance.
Re-look at list of Goals; start prioritizing. Assign a point of contact or committee for that goal.
Date: November 18th,
Location: S. Roslyn St., Denver CO. 80231
Time: 6:30 PM. (Meeting must end No Later Than 8:30).