

Denver Area Council, BSA
Jewish Committee on Scouting
Meeting Minutes
3/30/2011

In attendance:

Mike Shapiro
Shawn Connelly
Stuart Zipper
Greg Ostravich

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance
Dvar Torah
Review Minutes from last meeting - done

Old Business - done

Religious Merit Badge College? Shawn will follow up with Pike's Peak Council for this.

Kinnus - 2011 - deciding on a date.

Before Day Light Savings Time rolls back.
High Holy days end the 8th of October.
Begin the 28th of September.
Maybe over Sukkot? Not sure.

How big a crowd will we get?

Shawn thinks a dozen.

Let's see if we can do it on the Denver Academy of Torah campus; use their Sukkah; and they host there.
That Sukkah can hold 50 people and it's easier for us to manage.
October 16th for the date; if DAT - if they can't do it, we can talk to BMH/Beth Joseph and use theirs.
Maybe we can do a service project at Ekkar farms as a part of it too.
Have a Court of Honor here too; for the DAT troop.
Mike will ask Rabbi Chaim for that.

If it doesn't work for DAT the BMH/BJ Sukkah is huge.
Beis Menachem is our third choice if the first two won't work.

Program:

- 1) Work on the religious emblems
- 2) Introduce some things the Israeli scouts do
- 3) How do some of the Wilderness skills relate back to us being reverent?
(Outdoor Education)
- 4) Service project? Ekkar farms would be perfect if that works.
- 5) Eat.

So couple hours in the AM; eat; couple hours in the PM; eat.
10 AM or 9:30 AM.

Registration

by 10 AM we get started.

Noon time lunch.
1 PM service project.
3 PM closing.
Optional: Saturday night sleep under the Sukkah?
We'll ask Chaim about this.

We need a skeletal outline for a day's program for the Kinnus.

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Support Letters - PrayPub.org site; no Jewish letters there.
The JWV (Jewish War Veterans) wants to support this; letters from religious organizations saying Scouting has this program....
if you're part of this faith community you should talk to them.
Mike will look at this.

Stuart registration? He's registered.

Website - JCOS - Shawn put in our Mission Statement.

<http://denverboyscouts.org/jcos>

Goes to this:

<http://denverboyscouts.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=38607&orgkey=1699>

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Jewish Committee on Scouting

Mission Statement

Promote Scouting for Jewish youth in the Denver Area Council to assure that Jewish youth and adult Scouters in the Council are afforded greater exposure, improved access and increased participation in Scouting's quality programs and service.

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No links though; let's add meeting agenda and meeting minutes if we can.
Also add a link to National/other sites.
Link to Western Region.
Maybe a "Join the E-List" link too.
Shawn will do that.

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Update on other open items.

Kashrut standards for BBQ at Kinnus:

We can use Stuarts grill; we'll just walk it over.
Need some kids to volunteer to cook; shouldn't be a problem.
But we don't want kids to miss sessions; maybe adults can do it instead.
We need to figure out a registration fee to cover food supplies.
Let's keep it simple: Hot dogs and hamburgers.

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New Business

Joey Quick - DAC outreach initiative

Mike got an e-mail from Joey Quick.

Joey and Pat talked to Shawn about this.

There's a joint event, they'd like to see the JCOS represented at.

It's an event to showcase scouting to the Jewish communities in the Denver area.

We'd give a presentation; we can use the materials from National.

Here's how we serve the Jewish community and this is why people of our faith need to be involved in scouting.

We could have a session at Kinus where we talk about Jewish scouting with the adults.

Maybe Council could get coins for it; Shawn said the Districts have funds for this.

Mike will be at Council on Monday for another meeting and will schedule some time with Joey.

Also Shawn may plug in to that meeting.

Use the Council Registration system for this; you can cap the numbers too.

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Chaplain Aide Training - course update

Date in August for Chaplaincy training.

(Chaplain's Aid)

August 14th - 1st choice

August 28th - 2nd choice

August 7th - 3rd choice

All on Sundays and after Summer Camp.

Troop Committee Position for Chaplain's Aid.

Youth and Adult train.

Has to be a team; see if Zach or Sam will do it with me.

Two women driving this are both Catholic.

Nonsectarian; not specific to Judaism.

So any kid could do this; but I'll still see if Zach or Sam can.

Some of the key points missed the mark; that's being restructured.

Some push back from some of the adults.

They want to do a religious program; but if you have multiple representations you need to be sensitive to the needs of your constituency.

We've been getting messages from all over the country asking for a copy of the curriculum.

Not quite ready yet; but we'll share when it is.

Please come to our session to see it.

Kansas and Missouri have shown interest.

We're looking at other websites regionally.

They have a couple hours orientation; we've got a solid 8 hours.

Would like National to pick this up in two years.

We are putting caveats on it that you use it in its entirety or not at all.

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Calendar

Next Meeting: - Date / Time / Location

April 28th, 7:30 at Mike Shapiro's again.

Council wants to put our meetings on the Council Calendar.
We'll block out the 4th Thursday of every month as a JCOS meeting.
If we need to meet another day we will; for Thanksgiving we'll do something different.
Push that date up to the 17th.

Greg may create a gmail account and calendar for the JCOS.
Then he'll add these dates so they show up automatically for those that want to subscribe.

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Future Meetings - 4th Thursday; but for November we'll use the 3rd Thursday.

Closing (Scoutmaster's Minute) - Mike was up in the mountains for two days; wife is saying Kaddish; she said thanks for being there for Shul.
Being out in nature reminded him of the words from Psalms; This comes from G-d - it's marvelous to our eyes.