Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes

9/30/13

In attendance: Dave Reynolds, Greg Ostravich, Shawn Connelly, Hyiam Reiffman, Stuart Zipper.

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Hyiam - In last week's Torah Portion – Genesis; creation of everything. Midrash about the Sun and the Moon each was being created the same size. Moon complains – you can't have two kings wearing the same crown. Great – Moon – you be smaller. Maybe the Moon knew the outcome would be he would be diminished in size before he made that complaint. Honesty is the best policy; even if you know that an honest approach could be to your detriment you need to still be honest (trustworthy)

Review August meeting minutes - Approved

Old Business

Jamboree 2013 (5 minutes per ea attendee) – Did that last month; skip that for September.

Chaplain Aid Training (CAT) – Oct 26th Same day as University of Scouting @ RR Community College – 6 teams signed up so far. Some coming from Long's Peak council. Some from Colorado Springs (Pike's Peak Council); should we reach out to Pueblo also. Two weeks to register; registration shut off in another week or so. Date because Spring and August dates didn't work.

Recognition for Jewish Scouts - (Eagle recognition); Mike will get Shawn the listing of all the Eagles by next meeting. Catholic Committee wants a curriculum at the University of Scouting too. Wanted something about Religious Emblems for all faiths.

Fall Kinus – Dec 8, 2013

Greg – update on contact with Ekar Farms – Can we mulch the beds or plant anything? What about Hoop Houses (green houses) – anything with that? Compost piles that need to be turned? Organizing the sheds for the coming season? Any handles that need to be replaced in their equipment? Other servicing of equipment. See if we can find some garlic bulbs to sprout in the spring? → Greg will check with Ekar about this. Sharpen tools – shovels, et. al. Parsley? Maybe we'll get kits for that. Or a different herb? One month before Tubishvat. Kinnus is the 8th of December; is there something that would go with Tubishvat? Maybe Tree Seedlings to be transferred during Tubishvat? Is there a plant based merit badge we can work on? Agriculture/Business? Gardening? Farm Mechanics? Plant/Science? → Great idea but that's too much? Let's just do a service project? Maybe we discuss Jewish ecological ethics?



Since services end around 9 AM; Registration 9-9:30 AM; then 9:30-11:30; break for refreshments; Ekkar Farms activity. 9:30-10:30 activities/games; 10:30-11:30 Religious Award instruction. Who is teaching the religious badge?

Need to know what activities we are doing for Kinnus:

- Activity with Ekar Farms a community garden in Denver.
- Fun and Games
- Refreshments
- Religious Award Instruction for Jewish Awards

Greg will talk with Zach about the PVC activity he's doing with the troop.

Include ages for appropriate categories; if they've started one of the awards already,

Patches again? Maybe a tree patch. Also a theme based on that? Judaism takes root? http://www.advantageemblem.com/ - Adopt -A- Tree - with our text and logo. What about pushing our date out into January? A Tubishvat Seder? Plant Parsley for Pesach? Sharpening the Tools would be great to do with Ekar Farms. I'll let Aaron know we're pushing out the date again. January 12th? Shawn will check with the Council to see if that works.

Eagle Project?

JWV Post 344 has a grant that needs to be spent. Would like to place flags on Jewish Vets graves in the local cemeteries (Rose Hill, Mt Nebo, Golden, Fairmont. Scout, working with cemetery administrators, could get the lists of graves. JWV can fund the flags. Scouts them place the flags for Memorial Day – Non-eagle candidates get "service" hours needed for advancement.

Discussed last month – Let's see if we can contact the Jewish Scouts we know about; what about the ones from the C207 contingent?

For Gavriel Asher maybe? Greg will bring Eagle Scout Project paperwork for Gavriel Asher to have examples. The JCOS (Greg, Shawn, Dave, and Stuart) can meet with Gavirel Asher to provide feedback.

New National JCOS Chair – Any follow-up communications? Out of Northern Star Council. We need to reach out to them again? Let's send a note of congratulations to the new chairman and reach out to help. Maybe he can join us for the Spring Kinnus.

New Business (?) – Stuart met somebody now who might help.

Next Meeting: - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Thursday October 24th at DAT.





Closing (Scoutmaster's Minute) – Mike Shaprio – Take a lesson from Parsha Noah; be kind to the messenger; don't shoot the messenger. When G-d brought the flood to the earth, Noah and his family needed to know when the flood was done. He sent a dove to see if the flooding had ended. It returned not finding dry land and Noah brought the dove back in. Noah wasn't angry with the dove for returning and the idea that they didn't know when the flood waters would recede. He just brought the messenger back in. Innocent messengers bring us news and we show verbal or non-verbal frustration with that news, even though it's not the messengers fault. Noah embraced the messenger. Noah's actions made the messenger willing to repeat the message a week later. Fight the urge to get upset; show appreciation. It will make an enormous difference in their lives and people will seek you out.