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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes
10/23/2014

In Attendance: Mike Shapiro, Hyiam Reiffman, Greg Ostravich

Pledge

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Hyiam

Noach – After the flood Noach went and planted a vineyard. The root of the word is “chol” – no longer holy. Because it was “mundane.” Or is it because wine can be alcohol with people getting drunk. But wine can be a good thing. In Proverbs it says wine gladdens the heart. By choosing to plant a vineyard Noach is looking for his own personal gratification; to make himself happy. Not something of substance like wheat where he helps others. This applies to scouting because as leaders we need to look for helping others; not because we do it for ourselves. Let’s make sure our goals are for the betterment of scouting.

Review August meeting minutes – (the September meeting was sparsely attended – no business conducted) – we’re good with the noted corrections below.

Correction – Document on web page erroneously labeled as “agenda”. Should read “minutes”.

Old Business

Kippot – status update – Shawn. Available in minimum quantities of 25 at \$6.25 to \$6.50 each. Most units resell them for \$10. Do we want to incur \$150+ and proceed? Yes; Shawn will take care of it. Tan goes better with our uniform. We agreed to chip in if Shawn doesn’t have budget.

Program Kickoff – “after action” report – Mike reported for Shawn: August Program at the Stock Show for the Denver Area Council. Table and banner up. Few visitors.

Transition Plan & Growth Plan

Welcome William Weiner to JCOS - William Weiner hasn’t been here, Mike will stop trying to welcome him.

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Eagle Scout recognition certificates – signed? Delivered? Not yet; need to have Shawn re-print. The names were spelled wrong. Note: Greg's son has "aged out" and is now an ASM, but is continuing in Venturing.

Big Horn 2015 – Can a Shomer Shabbat Scout Attend – update – Shawn?

No update.

Hyiam hasn't followed up on east coast Shower Shabbat Bighorn – travel costs are prohibitive. This item closed.

Council Camporee –Autumn 2015

Similar to the last Council Camporee, we'll make this sort of a mini Shabbaton, and count it as our 2015 JCOS event in lieu of a Kinus.

Hyiam has been in contact with the planning committee as our representative.

Greg will become SM for his unit. If he can get an ASM to cover his troop that weekend, he may be available to help "staff" the shabbaton.

Maybe; include the "Webelos I" kids as well?

Hyiam will follow up with Randy Bruns as well – who is heading that up.

New Business

Report from Council Relationships Committee meeting – Mike

(Relationships reaches out to new sponsors – Charter Organizations)

Catholic Committee, Protestant, Mormon, et. al.

Education Committee – reaches out to the public schools.

JCOS Chair Mike has a seat on that committee; and reported that JCOS is planning to provide a full schedule of Religious Services for all Jewish scouts that come.

Next Meeting: - Date / Time / Location? 11/20/2014 7 PM at DAT

Closing (Scoutmaster's Minute) – Mike

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If you have one prayer that you wanted G-d to fulfill what would it be?

Wealth, success, good health?

2,000 years ago the Shmeni Etzrei was redacted; G-d should give us wisdom is the first. Why not health? What if somebody is over 100 years old and in perfect health, but has been in a coma for 30 years? More to life than physical health; spiritual growth and character require awareness and the ability to think. G-d is constantly speaking to us; we need to be aware and to think. There are 3 kinds of people - those who make things happened, watch things happen, and those who say "What happened?" Live for something and assess how you did on your goals every day.

This week's Torah portion is Noach. Think about what we see, what we do, what we ask and what we learn from this. Don't miss the boat. Build on high ground. Travel in pairs. Stay below deck during the storm. Don't forget we're all in the same boat. Don't listen to critics. If you have to start over have a friend by your side. Remember the woodpeckers – an inside threat is greater than the one outside. Stay fit – when you're 600 years old somebody might ask you to do something really big.

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