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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes

08/25/16

Attendees: James Dickson, Dave Reynolds, Hyiam Reiffman, Mike Shapiro, Greg Ostravich, Shawn Connelly.

(To e-mail James: Jimmy.Dickson@scouting.org)

Opening

Jimmy Dickson lived here; moved away and has moved back. He's a scouting executive with DAC (Frontier District) and we welcome him to the JCOS

Mazel Tov to Shawn and his family; his son got married last week at Tahosa.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Hyiam

Second Paragraph of the Shma -

“If you listen to my commandments to love and serve Hashem I will provide early and late rains, grass in your field, et. al.”

So “If you “listen” to what G-d says, ”not if you “do” what G-d says.

Sometimes we're not in control over everything. For example – a school where Hyiam worked in Chicago they couldn't do it all. For example: If you live in your parent's home and it's not a Kosher home. But if it's under your control that's great; if not you need to have listened and **desire** to do it.

In the scouting world the boys come from all over the place. We have guidelines and rules for them to follow. Sometimes they have learning differences and behavioral issues. What do they **want** to do as opposed to what's under their control. Do what you can with what you do control.

Review May meeting minutes. – Minutes accepted as posted.

Old Business

New unit / recruitment initiatives

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Lindsay efforts w/ Temple Emanuel (Lindsay is Jimmy's Lead) Shawn says no real progress. Greg reports Rabbi is amenable. Zach Rolf is probably the contact. His e-mail is rolf@emanueldenver.org ; not sure if the timing is right because Zach just started a new position at Emanuel.

Note: Troop 37 was at Emanuel years ago, sponsored as a neighborhood Troop (and Pack). Mike Shapiro was Scoutmaster there in the '80s

STEM

Any Interest/progress @ DAT? - Hyiam

Day 2 today – not broached as a topic yet. Things have changed at DAT; waiting for things to settle down and broach that with the new Administration.

Eagle Scout candidates –progress / status updates?

Mayer was only home 9 days over the summer. No progress towards Eagle.

Sam was busy with Golf – which is his career trek; no progress towards Eagle.

Gavriel Asher worked on some merit badges over the summer.

Publicity:

JCOS Banner –Shawn

*Shawn brought pictures. He'll post them with the minutes.

Vertical format the most popular with the JCOS.

(Note - 8/26 Shawn provided updated graphics for banner with photos from 2015 council camporee services)

Flyers – Still awaiting programming

Programs –

Scout trip to Israel -2018 - Update Shawn – E-mailed the Israeli scouts; haven't heard back recently.

Next Kinus – Oct 2017

Still on. Sukkot theme.

DAC CATC Course - Aug 21, 2016, 1-8 pm @ Scout HQ.

Dave & Mayer Reynolds helped staff the course –

Had 18 scouts (3 of the adults brought a second scout)

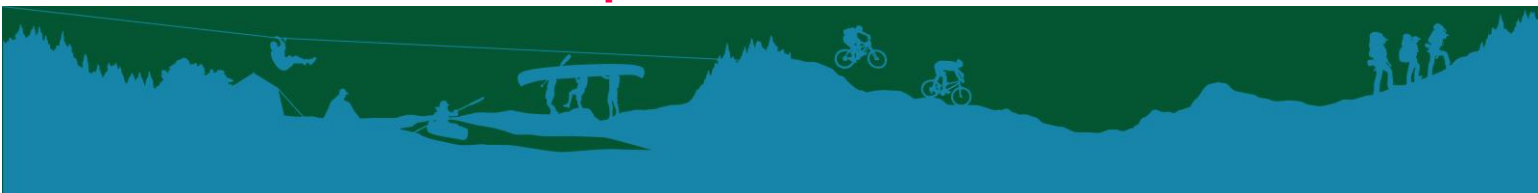
Great experience – Mayer and Tim were youth that led it and really enjoyed it.

Amy said every time she popped her head in she was pleased to see the engagement.

Amy and Diana deserve kudos for doing this.

Jim Blair brought an award for Amy from the Area 2 Commissioner for all the work she's done.

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Dave is checked out as an instructor along with Bill Mack, Lori Foul
Everybody thought the course went well; from all levels.

As of May this year a National BSA Course has been approved with training materials due within a year.

Summer Camp

T1613 had 3 Scouts @ camp

Ariel came from Israel – Skypes in to Troop meetings

3 or 4 merit badges from the kids that went.

No issues this time! Everything went well. No surprises at the end.

Went on a low attendance week (4th of July) and that may have helped.

Did a 21 gun salute instead of fireworks.

7 blackpowder

7 rifles

7 shotguns

Thanks to:

Ben Pettis, the directory, who was very accommodating.

Ailee in the Commissary who was very accommodating too.

Megan Houghton – the Ranch Directory was again very supportive.

Jambo 2017

Mayer is going w/ Bob Buckner's Troop 3

Shawn is banking staff again

Greg is assisting the PASM's for the Contingent

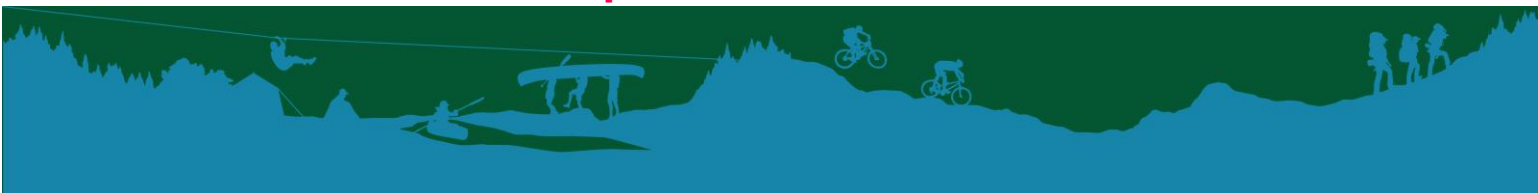
New Business

Religious Awards

Greg's e-mail (Laverne Poturalski had asked) – Shawn talked to Ellen Marks. If this person's Rabbi can't do it, a Sunday School Teacher or Religious School/Hebrew School teacher, or an adult member of the Jewish Community at large, or Mike Shapiro can serve as his counselor. Cannot be a family member though. Mike Shapiro will follow up with her. Her son was at the Chaplain's Aide training. Shawn can sign off for our JCOS as staff advisor if Mike is the counselor. (8/26 Mike followup note to Laverne.)

Shawn's query to National – See preceding paragraph for the criteria that Shawn discovered.

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Discussion of process to attain the religious award – see above. Go on-line, download the forms, find a counselor. When it's done they sign off, then Committee Chair and Scout Exec sign off, send the money in and we're good to go.

Other new business - no

Next Meeting? - Date / Time / Location ? October 27th, 7-8 at DAT. The time may be adjusted to not conflict with minyan times. (No pressing business, and schedule conflicts so we will skip Sept).

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Mike

Welcome

Deuteronomy 10:19 – Strangers in the land of Egypt.

Aaron nervous; moved to a new community; would he fit in?
Went to a new synagogue; didn't have anybody say hi, he sat down.
Tapped on the shoulder, he was sitting in somebody else's seat and was told to move.
Love the convert who is a stranger in a new environment.
This is broadened to a stranger in a synagogue, or a new scout, or a new person in a neighborhood.

To the whole world you may be one person.
To one person you may be the whole world.

A Scout is friendly.

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