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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes 08/25/16

Attendees: Mike Shapiro, Shawn Connelly, Hyiam Reifman, Greg Ostravich

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Hyiam

About to read Bereshit – when G-d talks about creating man G-d says “let us make man” – what’s that mean? The “us” is G-d and the person being created. Potential to do anything. What we’ll do with that potential is up to us. G-d’s talking to himself and the people he’s creating. Blends great with scouting – let’s help guide the scouts along. They must make the decisions of their paths / life. G-d gave it to us; it’s up to us to help.

Review August meeting minutes. – Accepted as posted.

Old Business

New unit / recruitment initiatives

Temple Emanuel any progress – No update. Jimmy (DE) was worried about the health of 1613;

Troop still around; One scouts school schedule makes it difficult for him to skype in from Israel.

Can we advertise at Hillel Academy for 1613?

Maybe we should get flyers for the shuls and for Hillel, and “The Jewish Experience”

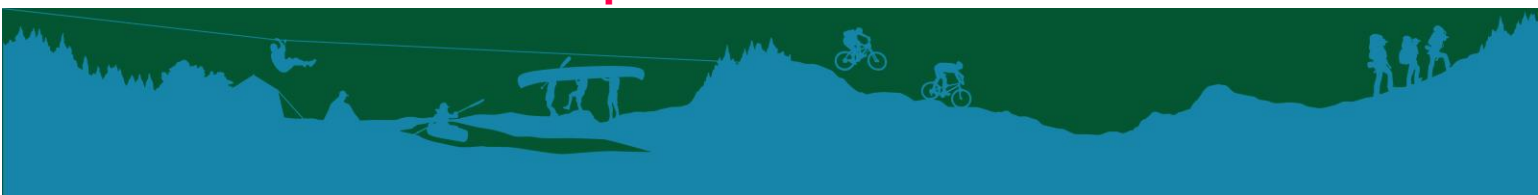
Shawn will order recruitment flyers.

Shawn will be a committee member for 1613 too.

Reminder: Journey to Excellence is starting up.

Recharter getting started; our deadline is December 31st, not February as last year was.

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Any Interest/progress @ DAT? - Shawn/ Hyiam

Except for scouting – school programming through outside vendor

We want to see if current vendor can include this in a list of options.

Hyiam will follow up with that vendor contact.

Eagle Scout candidates –progress / status updates?

Gavriel Asher – Hoping college scholarship incents him too.

Mayer Reynolds – At Yeshivah

Sam Ostravich – No progress

Publicity:

- JCOS Banner – Status update –Shawn – Design approved; moving forward
- Flyers – Still awaiting programming
- Programs – Scout trip to Israel -2018 - Update Shawn
- Shawn e-mailed Israeli Scouts; still have 2016 program up, nothing for 2017 or 2018 yet.

Next Kinus – Oct 2017 – any Discussion? Confirmed; we need a date to put it on the calendar.

Sunday, October 8th? Sukkot is Wednesday night 4th through the 11th.

We have a program in place from last time.

We need to contact EKAR to see if we can schedule that; put it on the calendar.

We'll contact Margo Sands (margot@ekarfarm.org)

Greg already e-mailed her to ask about that.

Do we want to do an overnight campout in a sukkah Saturday night, starting after Shabbat?

It will still be daylight savings time. Maybe too late?

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Comments/updates? Contingent Dinner is coming up November 2nd 6-8:30 at Jeffco Fairgrounds.

Hyiam brings it up at the meetings; haven't heard of interest because of rank and money issues.

There is some campership money available.

Religious awards

1 Scout may be ready

Aaron Levin T645, (Laverne Poturalski Unit Chaplain)

Needs to meet with the Rabbi from Temple Micah (was on Monaco & Cedar; on 28th & Leighton now) ; will meet on Sunday. Will be recognized at Duty to G-d breakfast.

New Business

Duty to God Breakfast – November 4th (Advanced publicity could be better on this)

Can we get Aaron recognized? – Yes.

February – Aaron's younger brother should complete his Cub Scout religious award. We'll keep that in our pocket for next year.

Next Meeting? - Thursday December 15th 6:00 PM @ DAT

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Mike

We're starting over again; The letter "Bet/Beis" - Backwards C, closed on the top, closed on the bottom, closed on the right; open on the left. The lesson is that you can't ask questions about what's above, what's below, what came before, where did G-d come from. Everything from that point forward is open for discussion. We must go forward; that's the message we should carry for scouts. What is past is done. What will Scouts do with their life going forward?

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