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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes 06/22/17

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

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Hyiam

Korach – Rebellion of Korach and his followers during the Exodus. Why Moshe? Why not Korach? Moshe said if you're the right leader then you and your followers will lead when it's supposed to happen. If not, the ground will swallow you up. Which happened. Ten things were created on Friday afternoon as G-d created the universe. That swallowing "feature" of the earth was put in place on that day. There needed to be a solution so G-d created one for just such an instance. You can feel things are going wrong (in scouts, in life) we might not know what the solution is but there is a solution. The solution is already there; that should give us all relief that there's a way out. Don't be desperate. Be confident there is a solution.

Review April meeting minutes.

Old Business

Existing unit status – Troop is on summer break; no update.

Pack may be starting up again – can it be Chartered at DAT but meet at BMH? Yes.

Reinstituting the DAT pack at BMH.

Who can be the Cubmaster so it follow's DAT's rules?

Need a Charter Org Rep from DAT.

BMH withdrew from OU but is independent and is still Orthodox in observance.

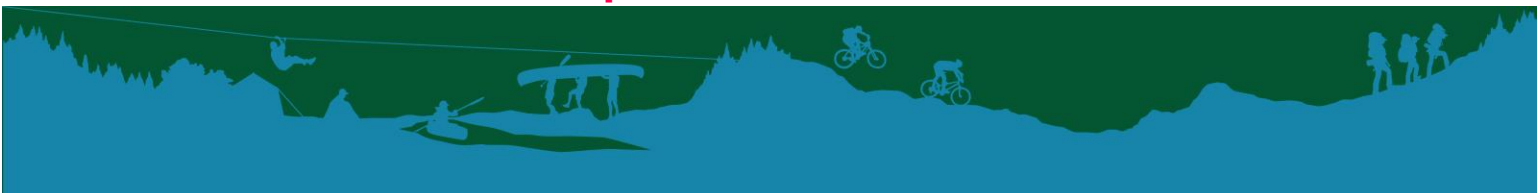
Potential new units for Autumn? Nothing firm.

Eagle Scout candidates –progress / status updates?

Sam Ostravich completed Eagle project – (Fence around elementary school garden).

Other –updates? Dave Reynolds said Mayer still wants to finish out.

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Publicity:

JCOS Banner – Banner arrived. Was used at Scout Show. Was on display for this JCOS Mtg.
Looks good!

Programs – Next Kinus – Oct 8, 2017 –

Denver Jewish Day School (Wabash St, South of Iliff, east of Quebec)– farmette
Service day (harvest)

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Halachic Issues – Mike awaiting response from DJDS Halachic review.

Alternate Service Project Options if DJDS doesn't work out:

Plan B: DAT – eKar Plots that DAT has.

Plan C: Temple Emanuel Garden – Greg will check with Rabbi Immerman

Plan D: Mike's wife's Garden (Mike will ck to verify it is OK w/her

Religious awards

Etz Chaim - Aaron Levin T645, (Laverne Poturalski Unit Chaplain)
Status update – Greg

Ner Tamid (?) CJ Mays (T376 Chaplain) has a Scout currently working on Eagle, but who wants to earn his religious award after Eagle (probably in the fall). Mike provided info on how to get started. – Ball is in their court; Mike will follow up in September to see if he's ready.

Succession Planning – Mike

Greg to assume Chair in Winter?

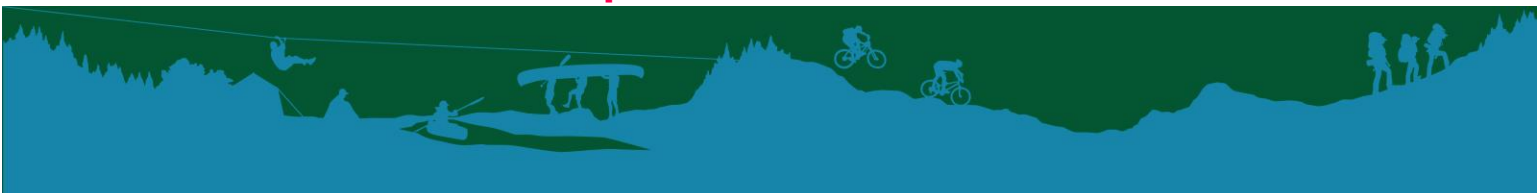
Council's next annual business meeting in January; let's install Greg then. But Greg can lead when Mike Winters in Florida. Mike will become the Committee Commissioner. Shawn had discussed that with Mark Zoller. We currently don't have a Commissioner.

Jamboree Campership – Discussion – Greg?

Not sure if Aaron is still going; no money available from Council or through the contingent. Double check with Christine Lux; think they've already paid but Mike Shapiro and Dave Reynolds said they would kick in a bit.

Greg can follow up with Christine.

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New Business – Shawn

Mike has been selected by National JCOS (via Western Region) to receive the Silver (highest level) Chai Award. – Ellen Marks called Shawn to initiate that and to ask about National involvement. Ellen working with Shawn for that. Shawn Connelly asked John Cabeza if we can give this out at the duty to G-d breakfast; first week of November. Shawn Connelly will talk to Nicole Cosme at DAC about getting an article in the Intermountain Jewish News about this.

Other new Business – No.

Next Meeting? - Date / Time / Location ?? August 24th at DAT 6 PM

Also e-mail next month (July) on the status of Kinus and where we're going to be for the service project.

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Mike

Again from Korach – he hailed from a distinguished family and was a wise man. Why did Korach rebel? There are givers and takers. Takers always desire more. The root of his downfall is Korach was a taker; wanted more honor for himself. Being a Levite wasn't enough; he wanted more. His jealousy knew no bounds; Korach was willing to start a rebellion over that desire. Blinded by that desire he would do anything. Become a giver to avoid ambitions and desires blind good judgement. Thank you committee members for what you do – you are indeed givers.

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