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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

In Attendance: Mike Shapiro, Hyiam Reiffman, Shawn Connelly, Dave Reynolds

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Hyiam

Parshe is the last parshe in the Torah (in a few weeks) – If you teach this to a child well, then they will grow up to become a good Jew. Inheritance for the people of Israel. Kehila Yakov – the Jewish people cannot fulfill the Torah in its entirety until we are a unified congregation. So many types of laws apply to so many types of people. Nothing applies to everyone. The only way to keep the entire Torah is if the Jews become a unified Congregation. Certain prayers without a minyan; 3, 10, 100 people are required. To mourn we're encouraged to visit. This is a parallel to the Scouting world. Group concepts – Patrol Method (8) + SM + ASM = 10. Round Table, et. al. You can't do scouting solo – it's a community.

Review August meeting minutes.

No changes suggested; accepted as posted.

Old Business

Unit status

T1613 – Meet after the holidays – the future of the troop is a little in the air. Need a new Scoutmaster because of other commitments with Hyiam. Ideas for new Scoutmasters that could come in and do that?

Status of effort to reactivate P1613 – Parents at the Denver Jewish Day School interested in a troop / pack. Mike advised them that folks are trying to reactivate Pack 1613 at BMH, and that there is a Troop at DAT

Hyiam told the mothers re-starting the Pack that he can't be the Cubmaster. They should find a parent that could do it.

Greg says that eventually maybe Temple Emanuel could again host a pack/Troop.

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Eagle Scout candidates –progress / status updates?

- Gavriel Asher – No update
- Mayer Reynolds – No update
- Sam Ostravich – No update

Programs – Next Kinus – Oct 8, 2017 –

Because of issues with Hilchos for Chol Hamoed Sukkot, will try Kinus in Winter or Spring.

Chanukah? Tubishvat? (Mike has two oak seedlings to plant)

Let's shoot for Tubishvat. Maybe Sunday after? February 4th.

Tubishvat Seder again? – Mike will e-mail us.

Publicity: No change. No marketing until we firm up our programs.

Religious awards

Etz Chaim - Aaron Levin T645, (Laverne Poturalski Unit Chaplain)

Status update – Greg has not heard from Aaron – waiting to hear back when he's ready.

Mike will follow-up with Laverne.

Ner Tamid (?) No change. Mike will reach out to CJ Mays after were nail down our Kinus program to determine if her Scout is ready to start.

Succession Planning – No change. Greg to assume Chair in Winter.

Western Region Silver Chai Award

No change As currently planned – Mike will receive it at our Council's Duty to God Breakfast at the National Western Complex on Wednesday November 8th. – 7:30-9:00 at the National Western Event Center. Kosher meals will be provided. Usually from Eastside Kosher Deli.

Here's the link for registration:

<http://www.denverboyscouts.org/registration/calendar/detail.aspx?ActivityKey=2184305&OrgKey=1701>

Frontier District Camporee – Odom Farm, Oct 6-8. Conflicts with Sukkot Chol Hamoed Hilchos, and event start conflicts with 2nd day yom tov running into erev Shabbat. Mike apologized to camporee committee, explained the conflicts, and thanked them for their efforts to try to accommodate us.

New “opportunities” to expand Scouting to female youth – updates? Anyone?

Still in process to trying to figure out what's going on with this.

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BDSR shooting activity – Updates? Greg?

Let's do PV instead.

Also a “Sporting Clays” where the clays go in different directions.

Talk to Shooting Sports Committee – Shawn Connelly will talk to Dave Whitner tomorrow.
Maybe we can do action shooting at PV?

January 14th & 15th? (Sunday/Monday – MLK weekend)

New Business –

Any? No new business.

Next Meeting? - Date / Time / Location??

October 26th, 2017 – 7:00 PM at Denver Academy of Torah

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Mike

We're supposed to seek forgiveness.

If you say “If I've offended you” – are you really being genuine?

Think about how you act and how you ask for forgiveness. The words we use matter.

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