

May 28, 2020, 6:30 PM - Minutes

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Attendees:

| Name | Present |
|----------------|----------------|
| Shawn Connelly | Yes |
| Dave Reynolds | No |
| Greg Ostravich | Yes |
| Jenna Wilkin | No |
| Joe Black | No |
| Mike Shapiro | Yes |

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Vote on Approval of April 2020 minutes – Approved with change from “Agenda” to “Minutes” in the text.

**Parsha for this week:
Shavuot – Sivan 6, 5780**

**First Torah:
[Shavuot Day 1: Exodus 19:1 - 20:23](#)**

**Second Torah:
[Shavuot Day 1: Numbers 28:26-31](#)**

Note: Naso, which is next week, talks about the Census. It's not this week's Torah portion but I thought I'd mention make sure you've filled out the Census to be counted since that coincides with the US Census.

Exodus Chapter 19:

Talks about the Israelites arriving in the Sinai desert. Moses ascended Mt. Sinai to G-d where G-d said to obey and keep G-d's covenant and you shall be to G-d a treasure out of all peoples. You shall be “A kingdom of princes and a holy Nation.” Moses receives the Ten Commandments which are:

- 1) Belief in G-d.
- 2) Not to worship idols.
- 3) Not to take G-d's name in vain.
- 4) To keep the Shabbat.
- 5) To honor parents.
- 6) Not to murder
- 7) Not to commit adultery
- 8) Not to steal
- 9) Not to bear false witness
- 10) Not to covet another's property.

This parsha also discusses the smoking and trembling of Mt. Sinai when Moses is on top and the requirements that only Aaron and

Moses were allowed on Mt. Sinai. It talks about creating a sacrificial altar and the requirements for creating it and what was to be an offering.

I'm going to focus on the 10 mitzvot or 10 commandments.

When I was growing up I had the incorrect notion that a mitzvah was a good deed. Are there some commandments that require us to do "good deeds?" Sure. Tzedakah is. Tikkun Olam may be a call to action instead of a commandment but both exist within our faith. A friend explained when I was a teenager that although a mitzvah **can** be a good deed because the mitzvah of tzedakah is a good deed, it is a commandment. That's why young men and women celebrate their bar or bat mitzvah. They are a son or daughter of the commandment. It is at this age they are obligated to observe Jewish law.

That brings us to Scouting.

Scouts learn the Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code.

These are not "suggestions" but laws to live by.

My Scoutmasters Minute will go into this in more detail but it seems apropos to talk about G-d's Law given to the Jews at Mount Sinai and to look at the Scout Law and how we use these laws as our moral compass within scouting.

Status of Temple Sinai and pairing them up with Emanuel?

Greg followed up with Alberto (Alberto.Rodriguez@scouting.org) and emailed Rabbi Black and Steve Stark from Emanuel. Rabbi Black will follow-up with the Rabbi at Temple Sinai to find out why they are reluctant to create a pack or troop.

Greg followed up with the new Western Region JCOS Chair, Frank Youdelman. Gave him a copy of our "Year in Review" covering 2018 and 2019. Told him about our December Kinus planning. And our efforts around the religious award and starting a new unit. Forgot to mention the Silver Beaver class for Mike and I – need to mention that as well on my follow-up. – **That is done.**

Planning our Chanukah activity for December

Time – Date – Location are the first order of Business.

Date: December 13th, 2020

Time: Let's do 10 AM – 1 PM.

** We need a new location ** cannot use CAP for free.

Location Options: (ideas?)

- ~~Colorado Adventure Point~~ – No longer free or low cost
- DAT
- BMH/BJ
- The Jewish Experience – Ask Dave Reynolds about this.

Note: New Scout Executive might be amenable; may follow-up to see if they would cover it.

We'll wait to nail down more things about this until we know what's going on with Covid-19; maybe we can do a virtual Kinus. Plus we can build some of the items like the channukias and provide those to the participants later.

Activities:

Kitchen – make Latkes

Bring Dreidels

Bring Menorah, Candles, and Lighter

Play GaGa – maybe not if not at CAP?

Make a Menorah -

- Use Shell casings for candle holders - .380, 9 mm, all around the same diameter – Greg will collect those. Use 9 MM for most; a .38 for the Shamash.
- Can't use a wood base; we'll need to use metal because the shell casing gets hot and can catch wood on fire.

- We have a welding lab – let's weld them to a piece of metal as an activity. – need a copper, aluminum, or brass base.
- Metal 12 Gauge case would work too; use it with a Shabbat candle for the Shamash. – Tell Sam to collect some casings for this.
- 1" Copper Conduit or Copper Pipe – split lengthwise that could be our base and then we solder the shell cases to that. With the arch facing up. If we can't solder we could drill and attach it with a screw or a bolt and nut.

Religious Award

Sopaipilla instead of donuts

Supermarkets have a kosher Sopapilla mix

Get the kettle or a dutch oven on the burner

Get the burner

Get oil

Discussed this year's religious knots – award needs to be announced later. – Greg got the link and began filling that out. Regarding signatures the Committee will sign and scan it and send it back and forth to then get Chuck's signature. We'll let the recipient know and ask which date works better; God and Country Breakfast or the December Kinus event.

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/relationships/shofar-award/>

TODO: Greg email the recipient.

Follow-up with Sammy Strear to see if he got his Eagle Rank award fixed. – Mike Shapiro will follow-up with him.

Next Meeting: June 25th (last Thursday) at 6:30 PM –

Scoutmaster Minute

My first SM Minute - January 5th, 2015

Do you know what guide rails are?

In orienteering they are the things that keep you on course; to know you're headed in the right direction. Examples are man-made features like power lines and roads, or natural things like streams. Another example is on a railway; a guide rail keeps the train on the track.

Did you know we have guide rails as scouts?

Some great examples are the Scout Law, Scout Oath, and Motto.

They can be used to help keep us on-track or on-course in doing what's right.

The former Scoutmaster for my home unit, David Gilfillan used to say, "When in doubt, run the 12."

What he meant was to repeat the Scout Law to yourself and see if whatever action you're about to take fits within the 12 points of the Scout Law.

When you don't know what to do, repeat the Scout Law and Scout Oath.

The twelve points of the scout law, and the 3 promises of the scout oath: Duty to God and country, Duty to other people, and Duty to self, will guide you to make the right choice if the choice you are making fits within these guide rails.

Just remember this:

12 / 3 it matters to me, all the way and every day.