

# MKP Southeast Area Council Meeting

Quorum and Check in and meeting open 7:40pm 10/14/18

In attendance:

Jim Landt, Ed Carter, Joe Zirkel, Ralph, Alan Davis, Ryan Gatlin, Mark Kovacevich  
Blessing offered by Jim Landt

Motion to accept minutes for September made by Alan Davis, seconded by Mark.  
Motion carried

## Minutes for October:

**Area Finance:** replacement, Joe to stay through January business meeting, takes about 10 hours monthly – Asked to reach out to men, commits to asking men now to utilize energy of NWTa to find men.

**NWTa report** – Everything in place for staff and participants, 16 men signed up, late addition to staff and outline to be distributed prior to Thursday. Next WE will be sought, man identified not yet asked. [That man identified and confirmed to be Robert Fleitz as of November call.](#)

Discussion of scheduling PIT, no decision pre-NWTa, TLC will address post NWTa

**Area Business Meeting:** Motion made by Ed to hold the meeting on January 5, 2019. Seconded by Alan, none opposed. Motion carried

Positions to be open in January: Finance, Steward Elect

**Stipend for Weekend Admin:** discussion to continue as budget item or discontinue going forward. Motion made to honor agreement up to the 500 amount for this training by Alan, seconded by Mark. Amendment offered by Ryan to discuss stipend with David and determine expectation of 250 vs 500. Amendment accepted by Alan. Passed as amended.

Motion by Ralph to remove stipend for Weekend Admin as budget item was made. Motion/issue tabled until next meeting; also to have discussion clarifying Weekend Admin duties.

**Area Spending** and responsibility to MKPUSA, Alan Davis. Discussion was had about past action of spending year end surplus funds on items for the Area. There was awareness brought forward that it is the surplus of the Area(s) that help offset

shortfalls in other Areas and support operations of MKPUSA. The premise being that if we continue a practice of year end spending of surplus monies or running at a deficit are we being good stewards of our financial agreement to support MKPUSA.

Discussion that at least we should strive to not run on a deficit and if there are surplus monies and no legitimate needs for the Area to send monies to MKPUSA. Consideration of utilization of monies to lower costs of next level trainings.

MKPUSA salaries are in part reliant on surplus monies from Areas. Large portion of training revenues go to cover insurance premiums and legal costs.

Consideration to allow our expenditures to be driven by review of the MKPUSA budget in spirit of being good stewards and supporting MKPUSA. Ralph will forward copy of budget he believes he has a copy of to the council.

**Discussion of Gathering Surplus:** Amount is \$750.00 Per Deb the amount can be carried forward as long as the Area was in surplus amount to cover that amount. **Motion** made by Joe to move the amount forward for use toward the gathering in 2019 if the surplus exists, seconded by Ed. FYI, payments made in 2018 for a 2019 training is classed as a 2019 budget item. Moving money forward would show up as a negative expense (showing a beginning budget positive of \$750) to be handled by Deb at MKPUSA at year end. One no vote by Ryan, asked to share input by Council. Explains as seeing the issue connected to the prior issue of supporting MKPUSA and does not see this as being a good way of doing that from the place of not knowing what total surplus is available. Was asked if he could live with it, expressed that the motion was carried and was not made as a consensus vote. Men withdrew votes and asked that the issue be tabled and moved to the next meeting. Motion was not carried.

More information to be gathered to clarify MKPUSA expenses and our responsibilities.

**GC/SE/FL Merger:** Next meeting to be had January 26<sup>th</sup> in Covington. This Council to have a call to have deeper conversation, Zoom call, prior to that face to face meeting. Jim to schedule special Council meeting.

## **Accountability:**

Joe Zirkel to check in with USA Finance regarding use of year end surpluses for operation.

Joe to connect to men regarding replacement

Jim to put out email to community regarding Finance position, to attach role responsibility outline to email. To check in with Robert Fleitz around continuing in NWTA enrollment for the year.

Ryan to have conversation with David Johnson regarding the 500 budgeted amount for Weekend Admin.

Jim to solicit dates for council to discuss merger

**Accountability items carried forward:**

Paul to Check in with Dan Baldwin about lists of men to contact, take care to not contact men who have asked not to be contacted – From September

Mark to talk with Dan Baldwin about use of Salesforce software – From August

Rusty to check in about Meet up for the Area

Ryan to check in with MKPUSA regarding administration of website for informational purpose or as landing point for registrations/payments and archives for minutes – Conversation has begun, will schedule time to review.

**New Business (for November agenda):**

Joe Zirkel replacement

Weekend Admin clarification of duties and Stipend – carried forward, tabled motion by Ralph to remove as budget item

Area spending continued

Gathering Surplus continued

PIT - Alan

**Community and Council Reports October:**

No reports this meeting

Checkout and meeting Adjourned 908pm