

MKP SOUTH EAST AREA STEWARD COUNCIL MEETING

Schedule for the Area Steward Council --- 7:30-9:00 PM on **2nd Sunday** of each month

NOTE: All men in the South East Community are invited to listen in on these operational meetings each month. Subjects that are discussed include new trainings, finances for the area, Multi-culture, I-group issues, Lodge Keepers Society events, Elder Council directions, I.T./Web and marketing issues and enrollment and membership as well as community specific needs and business and mission for the area. If you would like the Area Steward Council to discuss items of importance to you or your I-group, please call Rusty Mills to ask that it be put on the agenda.

Living, Working History and Meeting Minutes

Sunday, August 20, 2017 (Third Sunday of the Month)

Attending - Rusty Mills (Steward), Paul Brown (Administrator), Scott Baker, (Finance Coordinator), Ralph Hilliard (I-group Coordinator), A representative for John Jones, (Atlanta Community Representative), Alan Davis, (LIT and LKS representative), Ryan Gatlin, (Mission Coordinator), Charles Patterson, (Knoxville Community), A representative from Athens Community.

Rusty Mills lead the meeting

Quorum Check: It was agreed that we have a quorum at 7:33

Check-in

Minutes approval: July Minutes were approved with date revision

Accountability

All accountability items from previous meeting were reviewed.

Updates and Action Review from PREVIOUS BUSINESS

1. Area I-group organization – Ralph

Ralph Hilliard reported that he had talked to all of the I-groups and five open circles were arranged for NWTa enrollment. He also reported on the new open circle format and that he has shared that with all of the I-group coordinators. He also reported that he was spearheading census of I-group membership. Ralph is to share the open circle format on Southeast Talk before the September Steward Council Meeting.

2. Council of Mission Coordinator -

Ryan Gatlin reported that some had returned the questionnaire and he was considering those comments for mission

3. I&I Training for South East – Paul

A date of March 10-11, 2018 has been arranged with Miguel Rath agreeing to lead and a site of Rock Creek Presbyterian Church was coordinated by John Muser. Paul is to post on the MKPconnect site and start developing a flyer for it using the new multi-culture photograph.

4. Area Enrollment Coordinator

ACTION: Dennis Sturtz III to work with Rusty to identify mentor. Action was moved to August Meeting. Dennis is in Romania until August 3. When he returns, he should coordinate with Paul Brown to get Albany State student orientation presentation set up This was moved to September

5. Spring 2016 and 2017 NWTAs

Scott Baker reported that there was a balance of \$950 but Paul Brown reminded him that there were deposits and printing commitments for much of that'

6. Participate in MLK March – Paul

The new date for the MLK March is January 15, 2018

Action Required: Paul and Ed Carter are to follow up with their contacts. Paul is to work with Nic Sturtz to coordinate a meeting with a black fraternity at Albany State. It is to be set for a date in August

7. Atlanta Pride. Paul is waiting for a line up guide from Pride Committee

NEW BUSINESS

1. PIT Trainings –NWTAs fees. A motion was made Ryan Gatlin and seconded by Eric Devlin to charge \$75 per person for men who were trained outside of the last three SE NWTAs for cost of the PIT this time. It passed unannomously. It was noted that the fee of \$675 per participant for all of 2017 included PIT training as approved in the December, 2016 Steward Council Meeting, Scott Baker made a motion seconded by Ryan Gatlin to not include the cost of P.I.T. as a part of the fees for the Fall 2017 NWTAs. The motion passed with one member of the council abstaining but able to support the decision. Therefore, P.I.T. will cost for each of the fall, 2017 initiates. Further discussion was to be had for the 2018 fees at a later Steward Council meeting. Alan reported that \$1000 is needed to cover costs for intensive P.I.T. and he and Ryan Gatlin suggested that MKP SE needed to cover the costs of P.I.T. with fees from the participants and noted that in the past the budget had been \$150 per man with a minimum of 6 men. Alan added that we should honor that no man should be left behind if he could not pay for the registration. John Jones noted that two or three men had been told that the fees would be included in the fall NWTAs and that he would contact them to revise.

2. Multiculture: Paul Brown to get new Hey Man brochure printed in time for Pride

3. Financial – Scott Baker reported we currently have about \$1700 in the budget as of this date. Paul Brown noted that about \$650 would have to be used for the FDR space for the Spirit Gathering. Scott was to transfer \$650 into the Pex Card 3 for that use. The following is a wish list for when MKP South East has income source.

Suggested wish list for any profits are as follows:

- a. Bluetooth Speaker for the Steward Council Meetings
- b. LKS: Rusty to explore with Ryan Gatlin and report what financial help LKS needs.

- c. Brochures for all communities 5000 total
- d. Social Media Marketing
- e. Hire brother to do SE Speaking tour including intro to men's work at universities rush week
- f. 10 X 12 tent with MKP logo for booths at, University Rush Weeks, MLK, AV200 ride, Cancer Awareness gatherings, Pride, Spousal Abuse, AIDS Walk, etc
- g. 14 to 20 foot mobile trailer with side and rear entrances for materials to be stored at a central location

4. Fall NWTa- Ryan Gatlin reported that we have 7 registrations with two more showing interest. He and Allen Davis are to lead the Rookie zoom meeting by September 1.

5. I & I Training – Paul is to put on MKPconnect Calendar

6. TLC – Trainings for 2018 moved to September meeting. Paul Brown is waiting on two items to finalize the calendar. Alan Davis is to provide information from TLC, and he will also have to wait until September to schedule the NWTa for fall 2018

7. 2018 Calendar – Paul Brown to coordinate the spring site for NWTa as soon as moneys are available for the reservation.

8. NWTa Locations: There was a motion by Paul Brown that we use both Camp Daniel Morgan and FDR parks once per year in order to better serve our expanding communities. Ralph Hilliard seconded that motion. In discussion, Ralph suggested that we need to expand our vision to include having at least an eastern and south western camp site and looking at one for the northern communities as well. It passed unanimously in July. Paul and Rusty to begin looking for a site to move the storage building at the end of the November NWTa to a site in Atlanta. Some discussion was given to purchasing a trailer to pull from site to site.

8. Communities Support – Paul Brown suggested that we were supporting most communities well but needed to include Knoxville in more activity. It was suggested that Knoxville host a camp out in their area. Charles Patterson was to see his i-group and look at locations reporting at the September meeting. Because of the Spirit Gathering, the Council decided to post pone a Knoxville camping trip until spring of 2018.

9. Summer Spirit Gathering: FDR Park, Paul to ask for any needed Scholarships and monitor break even for the Event

10. 2018 Budget:

It was decided to fund Administrator through the November, 2017 NWTa including reporting time that ends November 30, 2017. Paul is to take the national MKP Administrative role through 2018 with all events including NWTa being administered by the staff rather than on site by Paul. Paul to monitor reports and administration only from a national level

Council Reports

Finance Coordinator (Scott B.) There is \$1700 positive balance available but Paul Brown reminded him that \$650 is necessary for the Spirit Gathering FDR payment

I-Group Council (Ryan) – Ralph has contacted set up five open i-group meeting for enrollment in fall NWTa

Trainings Leader Council (Alan) TLC was to meet on Sunday, September 3 to make recommendations about trainings for 2018.

Alan Davis will provide a report for the Steward Council to approve or make recommendation to amend.

LKS (Ryan, Alan)

Enrollment. No report. Michael Moore

Elder Council (Scott) – All is good.

Multicultural Council (Paul) – Pride Day March is scheduled and approved by the march committee for MKP participation. Paul Brown is to record I &I on MKPConnect. \There was lots of discussion about the commitment of the Multi-culture leadership.

IT/Web Coordinator –It was suggested that Ron and/or Dennis Sturtz write up meetings and events with photos to put on the Web including pictures of the latest NWTa.

Multi Culture – Drew has put out a blog that was shared on Southeast-info. Multi culture has designed and printed brochures that include photographs of multicultural. Drew Muse is going to try to track who calls from what source when men call the national number.. Additional work has to be completed to make the bookmark work.

Community Reports

Charles Patterson from Knoxville reported that Knoxville I-group is growing, has a permanent place with the Quaker congregation and is using a new format to add to their regular group meetings. He called it a group clearing discussion. They find it very powerful and healing. The Knoxville community suggested a camping trip for April, 2018.

Council meeting ended at 8:48 P.M. with a checkout.