

MKP SOUTH EAST AREA STEWARD COUNCIL MEETING

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

Meeting Minutes Sunday July 26, 2015

ATTENDEES:

Area Support Staff - Steve Provost, Sam Cohn, Jim Landt, Z. Newell

Community Stewards - Ryan Gatlin (Heart of Georgia), Patrick Conley (Athens)

Council Reps - Eric Devlin (Leaders Training Council), Alan Davis (LKS)

Community Members - John Jones, Leonard Vaughen

AGENDA ITEMS COVERED

1. Action Review - Ed

Action items from the past minutes were reviewed for open and completed action items. It is noted that most have been completed. Still a couple of open items to be reported on by missing council members.

ACTION: This topic, per Steve, will be included as the first topic in future meeting agendas. I suggest this be called "Old Business".

2. Next 2015 Area Meeting - Steve

Originally, the item was to have Atlanta sponsoring a gathering. What has been done, was two successful events: Bowling night and Howard Green memorial Braves game outing.

Currently it is the intention of the Area Stewardship Council to continue with the annual business meeting in January. Discussed possibility of having Area Gathering in 2015. Consensus of the council is not feasible this year.

HOWEVER: There was motion from Steve, seconded by Ryan, "hold an additional Area Gathering"

Discussing agreed that this would be a mid-year weekend gathering, beginning in 2016. A consensus vote was held and passed with 9 yays and 1 abstension.

ACTION: Alan, Ryan, and Ed stepped up to be the organizing committee to make this happen.

Also spoke about hotseating for Dennis Sturtz for leader track, as he is leader on point for Oct. NWTa. This was acknowledged as a responsibility of he Trainings Leader Council. It was agreed that, as in the past, leader track hotseat, unlike CLC hotseat, doesn't require community blessing, only the TLC to bless the men provided he has a mentor and has paid the fee to be on leader track.

3. Update on NWTa - Alan

All in place - 32 staff selected, 3 certified leaders signed up, 2 initiates enrolled, LKS Leadman in place, Ritual Elder in place, leader emiritus is Tim Schland, Brother Dance water pourer has been lined up.

Alan has asked that the Area Council support him by helping to generate energy around this NWTa. A zoom call has been scheduled for out of town staff.

ACTION: Alan to send out "welcome to staff" email

4. **Spring NWTA** - Z Newell.

Z has spoken to the fact that Jeffrey Goldwasser has asked to be invited to lead a spring NWTA. Also Jim Miller has been re-certified as Co-leader and would be a natural to be one of the spring certified leader team. Also, Claude Winton is certified full leader to be considered.

ACTION: Area staff to schedule additional meeting to talk about NWTAs going forward. Eric Devlin to be included as the TLC Coordinator.

5. **Registration Notifications** - Steve/Z

Jim Miller is still getting new registration notifications. It appears that all others who are supposed to, are getting the notifications. (Jim L, Ryan, Ed, Steve and Sam)

ACTION: Z Newell to contact MKPUSA support to find out how to remove him from the notification list. Ed will add to the problem log.

6. **Knoxville Community Declaration Status Update** - Steve

Leonard states it has been put on hold due to summer activity

ACTION: Leonard will update at next meeting

7. **I-Group Facilitator Trainer** - Steve.

Opportunity for a man to become a trainer of PIT Facilitators. Qualified men are men previously blessed as PIT facilitators are the candidates. This was decided to be discussed offline by the Trainings Leader Council. Maybe meet after Aug 1 staff meeting?

ACTION: Eric was asked to take point on this.

8. MKP Membership funding - Ed/Steve

discussions have started on how Area staff can increase awareness of funding of MKPUSA through membership.

ACTION: This will be taken to the Area Staff sub-meeting as previously discussed in these minutes.

9. **Coordinator and Council Reports**

I-Group Council (Rusty) No report

Finance Coordinator Report (Sam) Sent email, I attached my attempt at a 2016 budget. It includes 2 NWTAs, 2 PIT's, 3 Conferences (Center Rep, IGroup and MKP LSKI), Other Revenue and Adm cost estimates.

THIS BUDGET IS DUE TO MKPUSA BY AUGUST 28th.

Contact me if you have questions and comments. I do not know what needs to be done in order to approve it for submission to MKPUSA.

Also, I am trying to find my replacement. So far no luck not even a nibble. Just to be clear, it is

my intension to cease being the Area Finance Coordinator NLT end of Feb 2016.

Trainings Leader Council (Eric) - Still working on scheduling the "check-out" call for the new brothers from the May NWTAs. Surveys have been sent out, most have been returned.

-PIT almost finalized for late July/early August. 5 men are interested in staffing it.

-Dennis Sturtz has been all over getting leaders lined up for the NWTAs, Craig Herink, Claud Winton, Paul Johnson. Tim Schladand coming as a "Leader Emeritus".

-Eric has reached out to Matt McCleod to serve as the NWTAs enrollment coordinator.

Enrollment Report (Jim) - functional issues with our MKPUSA system for entering men and their activities into the system. it is a CF. Jim/Ryan/Ed to schedule a call to set up area tracking of issues. Z will be included, especially with MKPconnect and computer issues.

IT / Website Report (Z) - I have changed all the menu items (and even the video) to reflect "South East Area". I am putting (Greater Georgia) behind it while we transition....just like KFC. The rest of what you see marked "Georgia" on the site is controlled by the big guns.And the transition continues...

Elder Council (Scott) not present on call.

Community Reports

Heart of Georgia (Ryan) - Solid group of men, half initiated, half not initiated. One man is signed up for the NWTAs. Have an Open House scheduled to invite other men to the NWTAs. Had an improptu social gathering.

Athens (Patrick) - Holding strong. Big news, 2 IMW's scheduled for August. 2 men on staff for the Oct. NWTAs, and 2 men signed up for MOS. Had a swim party for awesome hanging out with brothers. Healing is ongoing, and group is moving forward. Doing 2 shows, and creating a NWTAs scholarship fund in the name of Carl Lindberg.

Greater Columbus (Rusty) - Alan reports. Columbus has 4 IMWs planned. One has happened, next is Aug 4, then Sep. 1, then Sep 10, then Sep 15. Alan is sending the schedule to Z so that he can post on the calendar. Again, welcome new Co-leader to our community, Jim Miller of the Band of Brothers.

Atlanta (Mark) - Reported by John: Atlanta has held two successful events: Bowling night and Howard Green memorial Braves game outing.

Ed to send email requesting reports from those missing from the meeting....