

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, Sunday June 28, 2015

ATTENDEES:

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

Community Stewards - Rusty Mills (Greater Columbus),

Ryan Gatlin (Middle Georgia), Mark Kovacevich (Atlanta), Patrick Conley (Athens)

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

Community Members -

AGENDA ITEMS COVERED

1. IT Issues - Jim

The new system for managing information for the NWTa has a lot of problems. Many help tickets have been entered, but not getting any responses lately. Several specific issues were described, much dialogue on possibilities. Acknowledged that USA staff is small, overworked, and underfunded.

ACTION: Rusty contact John Bacon to get more access? Possibility of taking the issues to MKPUSA leadership, Steve to be involved in this.

2. Update on NWTa - Alan

NWTa (Alan) - Call to staff has gone out, staff meeting locations have been secured. July 23rd is staff application deadline. MOS Lead is lined up (Jeff Cain). Camp is reserved, deposit made, contract in process.

ACTION: Alan to continue deciding who will be on staff selection team.

3. Update on LT1 - Eric

There appears to be a lot of interest. Now shooting for late October, early November. Nov 14th was suggested as a good date. Jim Miller working on lining up leader trainers. Needs to be a 3 month lead time. Steve suggested that when leaders are chosen, that we get leaders from other areas to "mix it up". All seemed to support this idea.

ACTION: Eric to develop a plan to evaluate cost based on how many men are willing to commit up front. Eric to send a notice out asking men to commit. Once interest/cost is determined, will line up a date, location, and leaders.

4. Thoughts on Leadership - Steve

Steve put it out there that it is a good idea for there to be a continual turnover in both community and Area leadership. In the past there have been men who kept hanging on to positions (I don't know who). By rotating leadership positions, it creates room to allow other men to step up to their greatness and serve as leaders, instead of just the perceived few.

5. Policy on non-initiated men in I-group? - Z.

Do we intend to have a policy that men have to do the NWTAs to remain in an I-group? It was discussed that it is not for the Area to say, but rather a decision at the I-group level. Rusty reiterated that guidance from MKPUSA I-group council is to remove emphasis on doing the NWTAs and to just accept men into the circle. That is a direction, not a dictate.

6. Coordinator and Council Reports

I-Group Council (Rusty) No council meeting held in last month. Good news, Rusty is starting I-group in his home, to be called West Point Wolf Pack. Now has 3 other men interested, and is meeting on Thursdays. Also, Rusty will be attending the national I-group meeting.

Finance Coordinator Report (Sam) Submitted a report prior to meeting, basically 4 numbers. (see below) Sam is asking for input for anyone who can learn to do the finance job because Sam wants to step down at the end of the year.

NWTA Scholarship Fund Balance	<u>\$</u> <u>600</u>	Used \$200 in May NWTAs.
Cash Available	<u>\$</u> <u>8,000</u>	\$1,800 YTD Net Income for 2015
CCP Remaining Balance Due	<u>\$</u> <u>1,015</u>	5 men still have CCP Pledges due
NWTA May Results Estimate	<u>\$</u> <u>(400)</u>	2 New Brothers owe \$650 NWTA Fees

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)

Elder Council (Scott) not present on call.

Community Reports

Mid Georgia (Ryan) - Last I-group meeting had 8 attendees, good mix of initiated and non-initiated men. Consensus of the community is to look at starting a men's circle for homeless men over the next few months.

Athens (Patrick) - The I-group has been rallying around each other to deal with the death of Carl. Basically in healing mode. For June, open group hasn't been happening, intention is to restart that in July.

Greater Columbus (Rusty) - The GC Community is branching out to hold open meetings in West Point at Rusty's house. Contemplating changing the name of the Band of Brothers to something less scary to newcomers.

Atlanta (Mark) - Community event upcoming is Bowling Night, July 11. Also, Mark is about to put out the announcement for the Howard Green memorial. This will be Friday, August 8th. Mark also reports that Rafael Quinterro has been visiting I-groups and sharing the processes that he learned at the I-group facilitation training.