

## **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, June 11, 2017**

**Attending** - Rusty Mills (Steward), Paul Brown (Administrator), Scott Baker, (Finance Coordinator), Ralph Hilliard (I-group Coordinator), John Jones, (Atlanta Community Representative), Alan Davis, (LIT and LKS representative), Ryan Gatlin, (Mission Coordinator),

Rusty Mills lead the meeting

**Quorum Check:** It was agreed that we have a quorum at 7:34

**Check-in**

**Minutes approval:** April Minutes were approved with no 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 that he was spearheading census of I-group membership..

#### **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.

#### **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

## **5. Spring 2016 and 2017 NWTAs**

**ACTION:** \$1000 was transferred to Florida in July. Steward Council will need to decide what to do with any profit. 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. There remains one open Payment plan. Paul Brown is to work it out with the participant.

## **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 Reported that the fees for the march were paid and that he and John Musser had attended the kick off Feb. 15

**ACTION:** The commitment was met. Pride will send out a line up to show where MKP will be in the parade

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. PIT Trainings** –P.I.T. is scheduled for July. Alan Davis and Jim Miller have asked for a discussion about payment of leader fees as well as cost to those who want to attend that were not included in the NWTAs that included as a part of their NWTA 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 NWTA. 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.

**2. Multiculture:** Paul Brown suggested that the Hey Man brochures that SE has from MKP do not represent the diverse SE Area and asked for a new picture to be inclusive of men of color, gay, young, old men to put on the Hey Men verbiage. A motion by Rusty and seconded by Ralph Hilliard to arranged for a photo representing those diversities be photo shopped onto the Hey Man verbiage and that Paul Brown lead the task and spend \$250 to publish as many as possible. Paul Brown is to poll the gay members of MKP SE to address how to show gay participation in the photograph, find men to be in the photograph and move forward in getting a mock up by the June meeting to be voted on for use on the Hey Men format. The Hey Man Brochure with the photograph has been approved by MKPUSA and a test run of 50 printed.

**3. Financial** – Scott Baker reported that there is a \$950 after giving the \$1000 to Florida for the profit sharing for the Spring, 2016 NWTa balance including the \$3048 that was given by the production company for moving the Spring NWTa.

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 Ernest Patterson is the Full Leader, Willie Callway and Jim Miller are the co leaders and that the invitation to staff would go out June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**5. I & I Training** – Suggestions from Paul as was presented on the 2017-1018 calendar

**6. TLC** – Trainings for 2018 moved to August 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.

**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 August meeting.

**9. Summer Spirit Gathering:** FDR Park, September 8-10. Go no go needs to be discussed in the August Steward Council Meeting .

**10. 2018 budget to be discussed in the August meeting**

## Council Reports

**Finance Coordinator (Scott B.)** There is \$2700 positive balance available

**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, May 7<sup>th</sup> 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)** 7 men attended LKSI this year. There are P & R meetings at Ed Carter's house per year. Ryan and Alan are looking at formats for working with I-groups for LKS. Alan stood for lead man for the next two years. Several men went to the Powwow. Ryan is now qualified as a pourer

**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. I & I is to be scheduled for 2018. \There was lots of discussion about the commitment of the Multi-culture leadership. Migael Rath in Indianapolis to get ideas about how to augment Multi-culture at I and I in March, 2018

**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 call it a group clearing discussion. They find it very powerful and healing. The Knoxville community suggested a camping trip for August but it may be too quick. We need to discuss other options for the camping trip as community

*Council meeting ended at 9:12 with a checkout.*