

## **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, May 14, 2017**

**Attending** - Rusty Mills (Steward), Paul Brown (Administrator), Scott Baker (Finance & Elder), Michael Moore (Athens/ Inreach Coordinator), Ralph Hilliard (I-group Coordinator), John Jones, (Atlanta Community Representative), Charles Patterson, (Knoxville Community Representative).

**Quorum Check:** It was agreed that we have a quorum at 7:32

**Elder Blessing:** Charles Patterson

**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 contacted all of the communities and was looking at other ways to engage the communities in communication with each others.

#### **2. Council of Mission Coordinator** -

**ACTION:** Paul Brown is to call Ryan Gatlin and ask that he send out the questionnaire again before the June meeting. All Steward Council Members are to answer the questionnaire that Ryan sent out asking for response about their mission is and means to them. *This action was forwarded to the June meeting*

#### **3. I&I Training for South East** – Paul

**ACTION:** Paul suggested an additional training in 15 months to be given the end of 2018. A date of March 10-11, 2018 was suggested by Paul.

#### **4. Area Enrollment Coordinator**

(2016 Notes)*Ed C. entered a motion to rename Area "enrollment coordinator" to Area "Outreach Coordinator." Paul B. 2nd. vote was taken and council unanimously approved. Ed C. entered a motion to pay an incentive of 10% to the new Outreach Coordinator for new*

*membership from the funds that MKP South East Receives. Z Seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**ACTION:** Dennis Sturtz III to work with Rusty to identify mentor. Action was moved to June meeting

### **5. Spring 2017 NWTA**

The NWTA Wound up to be with 15 participants including 3 men of color, 10 who self identified as gay or bi, with 28 staff members, 3 leaders and 9 MOS. It was a very successful weekend. Hard Labor Creek paid MKPUSA for South East Area the \$3048 to offset costs of moving the location. Many people were very pleased with FDR Park and would like to have one of the two NWTAs there per year.

**ACTION:** Rusty Mills is to call the Florida Area Steward to ask if we can pay \$1000 to Florida in order to maintain enough in the budget to address additional SE budget needs for 2017. Area Steward Council will need to decide what to do with any profit. 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:** Paul , Drew Muse and Chris Baldwin Multi-culture representatives are to attend an orientation on August 3

## **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.

**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 Tslph 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.

**3. Financial** – Scott Baker reported that there is a \$2700 balance including the \$3048 that was given by the production company for moving the Spring NWTA. There was discussion about paying Florida for their portion of the profit from the Profit for Spring 2016 NWTA. After Scott Baker reported that there was a \$4000 profit from that NWTA, Rusty Mills made a motion that

the South East pay Florida \$2000 for their share of the profit. Paul Brown noted that he needed \$586 for reservation for Spring, 2018 ASAP and that there are other expenses that SE is incurring. After discussion, Rusty Mills suggested that he call the Area Steward for Florida and offer to pay \$1000 and made that amendment to the motion. Paul Brown seconded the motion but voting on it was postponed until June. **Rusty Mills is to contact the Florida Area Steward and offer to pay the \$1000 and report back to the Steward Council in the June meeting.** What to do with any moneys left over from and 2017 profits are being suggested in a wish list from the council. Ralph Hilliard suggested that SE wait until after the Spirit Gathering and fall NWTa is expensed out before any decisions are made.

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-** Report from Ryan Gatlin given by Paul Brown

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

**6. TLC** – Trainings for 2018 moved to June meeting. See suggested Calendar

**7. 2018 Calendar** – Presented by Paul Brown. Rusty Mills made a motion that the coordinator for facilities move forward with getting space for the upcoming year using his judgment. It was seconded by Scott Baker. It passed unanimously

**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 June meeting.**

**9. Summer Spirit Gathering:** FDR Park, September 7-

## Council Reports

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

**I-Group Council (Ryan)** – Ralph has contacted all the communities and is open to suggestions as to how to involve them more in Area meetings.

**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)** - Referred to June meeting

**Enrollment.** No report. Michael Moore to make suggestions in May meeting.

**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.

**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 asked for brochures, bookmarks and cards that include photographs of three people together who are SE Community men to include a man of color, a man of latin origin and a Caucasian on each card. Paul Brown checked to see if any are available from MKPUSA and was told that one does not exist. Drew Muse is to check to see what the cost is to order them with our photo shown. Drew Muse is going to try to track who calls from what source when men call the national number. Paul Brown is to provide a 2018 calendar to outline all events for the year including I & I and other scheduled events.

**P.I.T. – Rescheduled for July**

### 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 a group clearing discussion. They find it very powerful and healing.

*Council meeting ended at 8:59 with a checkout.*