

MKP SOUTH EAST AREA STEWARD COUNCIL MEETING

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

Living, Working History and Meeting Minutes Sunday November 29, 2015

ATTENDEES:

Area Support Staff - Ed Carter, Z Newell

Community Stewards - Leonard Vaughen

Council Reps - Alan Davis (LKS), Scott Baker (Elder Council)

Community Members -

Approval of October minutes deferred to next meeting.

Updates and Action Review from PREVIOUS BUSINESS

1. 2016 Area Mid-year Gathering - Ed/Alan/Ryan/Z

Camps Morgan/Rutledge not available for desired weekend. Morgan reserved as fallback on Father's day weekend. Z. Newell has agreed to join this committee, and will consider contacting Matt Zavadil to also help.

----- *from previous meetings* -----

Committee has met and set an action plan. Council agrees for committee to go forward with June 24-26 as date for the mid-year gathering, with understanding that a fall NWT A will be scheduled. As the plan is developed, other men will be invited to participate in putting it together. Survey will be sent out to community to get input on what men want. Area committee to plan this gathering is Ed, Alan and Ryan. Energy has been focused on the current NWT A.

ACTION: Ed to pursue Indian Springs and FDR Park if available for the desired June 24-26 weekend.

2. Spring 2016 NWT A - Z Newell.

Joint South East and Florida call was held on November 17. As this is a joint training, for each critical position of responsibility, there will be a man from each Area working together. South East men: Eric Devlin (WE Coordinator), Z. Newell (local leader on point), Ed Carter (P&R and Admin). Scott Baker is contacting the Florida Elders to decide on Ritual Elder.

Matt MacLeod has agreed to be SE Enrollment Coordinator for the Joint training. He is also interested in the Area Enrollment position

The Florida man Chris Boser is searching for a camp that might be more centrally located than Camp Morgan.

A future joint meeting (after holidays?) will be scheduled with key players

----- *from previous meetings* -----

UPDATE: Camp Morgan is reserved. Not on MKPUSA calendar yet. May has been reported, but not fall yet. Leader team is in place: Mariano Guas, Jim Miller, Paul Fogarty. Bubble co leader is possibly Dave Roelant. Much discussion around responsibilities, especially Admin for the Weekend.

ACTION: none at this time.

PAST ACTION ITEM: Area staff (Steve) to schedule additional meeting to talk about NWTAs going forward. Eric Devlin to be included as the TLC Coordinator
UPDATE: area staff still needs to schedule additional meeting to discuss NWTAs.

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

Registration has been set up in the MKP web site, however doesn't seem to be working properly.
----- from previous meetings -----

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: Ed will follow up with MKPUSA and Gio in Florida to get this working properly.

4. **I-Group Facilitator Training Summit** - Rusty/Steve.

Alan has sent an email reporting on his experience. He found it to be an extraordinary experience! He wants to do a IGLT training in our Area.

----- from previous meetings -----

Update: Alan flying out to the Summit on Thursday.

UPDATE: Rusty nominated Alan Davis to represent the South East Area. This representative must be willing to be the IGFT teacher for our Area so that all communities have the opportunity to get this information. There were no other nominations to represent us. Alan was unanimously supported. 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: No further action, to be removed in next minutes.

5. **MKP Membership funding** - Ed/Steve

Has not yet been scheduled. Steve not on the call.

----- from previous meetings -----

UPDATE: No action yet. Steve agrees to schedule this before next council meeting.

UPDATE: no action yet

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.

6. **Fall 2016 NWTA** - Steve

This has been added to MKPUSA calendar. Steve not present on call, tabled until next meeting.

----- from previous meetings -----

Decision of Council is to schedule this for first weekend in October. The idea is to start driving registrations immediately after May training and use the mid-year gathering as a springboard to drive enrollment. A lot of this will depend on how our partnership with Florida transpires.

ACTION: None at this time.

7. **January Area Business Meeting** - Steve

The date of January 9th has been added to the Area calendar. The desire is for Steve to contact all current Area Council members to find out who wants to continue into 2016 in their positions.

Ed Carter intends to remain as Area Administrator. The Area Steward position is the only

elected position, to be done at the Jan. 9 Area business meeting. All other positions appointed by the Council Community coordinators appointed by their respective communities. LKS and Elder also appoint their representatives! Matt McCloud is interested in Area Enrollment Coordinator. Sam Cohn has said he will step down as Area Finance Coordinator.

----- *from previous meetings* -----

Time to start the planning. Council agrees that January 9th is the tentative date.

ACTION: Ed to contact Steve with the discussion and ask him to follow up.

NEW BUSINESS

1. I-Group Facilitator Training in South East Area - Alan

Alan proposed bringing the IGFT to our Area. Alan was blessed to be a co-instructor for this training. This training is intended as a follow-on training to the PIT. Focus will be on facilitation including new processes. The council approved moving forward with this tentatively to be held in the February time frame.

----- *from previous meetings* -----

ACTION: Alan will move ahead and develop the plan to have this training in February.

1. Ron Herring Mission of Service Award - Scott

MKPUSA has published requests for Areas to select a member of the Areas to receive the RHMoS Award. Deadline is December 16. Scott has agreed that the Elder Council will shephard this.

----- *from previous meetings* -----

ACTION: Scott will send an email to the Area requesting nominations.

Council Reports

I-Group Council (Rusty) - Suggestion of how to better coordinate our I-groups and Communities: Good question that I have been pondering for a while. As our communities bless next years Community Coordinators or re-bless our current ones, I suggest that we all make a commitment to meet monthly by Zoom call and share a monthly e-mail as part of the stated duties of the job of Community Coordinator. I suggest that each Community Coordinator have a backup Co-coordinator or Coordinator

Finance Coordinator (Sam)

NWTA Scholarship Fund Balance \$ 600

Cash Available \$ 9,548

CCP Remaining Balance Due \$ 620

MKP Membership Revenue \$ 1,703

Area Gathering Net \$ 293

More detailed report available, just ask if interested.

Trainings Leader Council (Eric) - No report.

Enrollment Report (Jim) - No report, not present on call

IT / Website (Z) - No report

LKS (Alan) - report submitted after the call

Elder Council (Scott) No report, not present on call.

Community Reports

Heart of Georgia (Ryan) - Heart of Ga Community is holding steady with five regular men. We have had recent community outings that included attending the Ocmulgee Indian Festival and a Macon Mayhem hockey game.

We have recently started a new monthly breakfast meeting, the first Saturday each month to provide an opportunity for men to share a meal and talk in a relaxed and less formal environment as well as allow men who may not be comfortable enough to just walk into a circle a chance to see who we are. Two meetings so far.

We have also discussed community mission and have tentative plans starting this month (December) to offer service as a group monthly to the homeless in Middle Ga by volunteering with local organizations that provide food and other services. The larger intention in this is to expand into creating space for homeless men to sit in circle and have support from each other and the men of MKP in this community.

Athens (Patrick) - No report, not present on call.

Greater Columbus (Rusty) - Greater Columbus Community Check-In

(1) The energy level of the active men in the community is high, but we tend to have men do other things during the winter. That decreases the number of men attending I-group. We are in a community building phase and are concentrating on attracting new men. We are planning monthly events of some kind to build interest.

(2) Events we have planned:

(a) Mankind Project Columbus Band of Brothers continues to meet every Tuesday from 7:00 until 10:00. The first Tuesday of each month is an Open Meeting.

(b) The Open Men's Circle holds at Rusty Mills' home in West Point on the third Tuesday of each month continues, but has had limited success in attracting men. We will continue this since it still has great potential.

(c) The Mankind Project Columbus Band of Brothers Holiday Party in Columbus is Saturday December 12 at 6:30. It will be held in the home of Jim Miller. You are invited to come and hang out. Bring a covered dish and a friend. This activity is open to initiated and uninitiated men and guests. Contact Jim Miller for more information.

(d) Rusty Mills is hosting a Friendship Christmas Eve Dinner and Sleepover at his house in West Point. There will be a big Christmas Eve dinner at 6:00 followed by sitting around the campfire and a sleepover for those who want to. If you plan to stay over and you have an air mattress, bring it. Waffle breakfast and leftovers for lunch on Christmas Day. Come over for all or part. This should be a really fun holiday for men who cannot or prefer not to spend the holiday with family. The only gifts that will be exchanged are love and hugs. Bring a side dish that would go with ham, turkey and dressing. We have plenty of room for anyone wants to come by and eat Christmas Eve and go home afterward. Come early and hang out. If you plan to sleep over, Rusty will handle breakfast, but we are running out of flat surfaces where men can sleep. If you want to stay over, we will make a way for you to stay. This activity is open to initiated and uninitiated men. We have over a dozen men planning to attend so far. Four of the men who have RSVP'd are uninitiated men. I have high hopes that this will attract men to MKP and be something we want to do every year. Please RSVP to Rusty so he knows whether to buy and extra ham.

(e) Mankind Project Columbus Band of Brothers will host a St Patrick's weekend camping trip at Chattahoochee Bend State Park March 18-20. The cost is \$75. This includes food. Just bring a sleeping bag. We have room for 32 plus any that bring their RVs. This is a no-electricity camping area. This activity is open to initiated and uninitiated men.

(f) Alan Davis is hosting our First Annual Columbus Band of Brothers Father/Son Camping and Fishing trip April 15-17 at Setter Run Farms. There will be instruction on how to fish as well as plant/animal identification, children's activities and communing with nature. This event is a small trial event in anticipation of making it a larger event in the future. It is sold out. This is another event that will most likely be an annual event that grows every year and attracts new men.

(g) Mankind Project Columbus Band of Brothers is planning an Open Men's Circle at Columbus Technical College. It is tentatively planned to start in February and be a weekly event for six weeks.

(h) Alan Davis is putting together an IGFT Training in Spring. This will be an Area event. He will share details about this as the event gets closer.

(3) What we need help with: We need you men to participate and invite uninitiated men to the events we are hosting.

Atlanta (John) - No report, not present on call.

Knoxville (Leonard) - Recent change to IMW has changed from only sending interested men I-Group meeting time & place to include calling them too. The idea of developing a connection with preliminary phone calls has succeeded with one new man attending (wow for this first step). He has been in touch since the meeting with updates and working on returning again. The phone calls have made a big difference in a quickly strengthening the new man's interest in the I-Group.