

## **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, September 17, 2017 ( Third Sunday of the Month)**

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

Rusty Mills lead the meeting

**Quorum Check:** It was agreed that we have a quorum at 7:33

**Check-in**

**Minutes approval:** August Minutes were approved with one revision changing Michael Moore from misprinted Mark Moore and additions of reports from LIT, LKS and I-group Coordinators.

### **Accountability**

All accountability items from previous meeting were reviewed.

### **Updates and Action Review from PREVIOUS BUSINESS**

**1. Area I-group organization** – Ralph Hilliard reported that the open circle was successful.

**2. I&I Training for South East** – Paul Brown. Paul had posted on the MKPConnect site. Paul is to develop a flyer for it using the new multi-culture photograph to be finished by late October.

### **3. 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 This was moved to October

### **4. Participate in MLK March** – Paul

The new date for the MLK March is January 15, 2018. No news from the committee to report yet. Paul is to follow up when information comes available

**Nic Sturtz** to coordinate a meeting with a black fraternity at Albany State. It is to be set for a date

**5. Atlanta Pride.** Paul is waiting for a line up guide from Pride Committee

**6. Spirit Gathering:** Scott Baker reported that it ended with a positive balance of \$200. Paul reported that there was \$410 in scholarships with 23 paid but noted that if SE MKP had been required to pay \$1500 in speaker fees plus \$500 in travel that it would have been \$1800 negative. Paul also noted that to cover those expenses that the event would have to have 33 paid to break even and suggested that it be treated like any other event having to pay for itself. There was great discussion as to whether or not it should continue under the same format. There was some discussion that it was not run as a committee but rather choices were made only by the leader without committee having the chance to vote. **Rusty is to talk to the leader about running it more in line with SE Area criteria.** There was much talk about it being an official MKP event or as a SE Area event and the consensus was that it is a SE Area event open to any man supported as a SE Area event although there is to be more conversation about it at the meeting on October 7, 2017.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Men on the Mountain:** Alan Davis proposed that Columbus I-group lead a Men on the Mountain retreat was to discuss the proposal with the Columbus I-group to report back in either the October or November Steward meeting. The format was discussed and consensus was that it should be an MKP SE Area event.

**2. PIT Trainings** –NWTAs fees no longer cover the cost of P.I.T. with the cost being \$125 per participant with an outlay of \$875 per pit to be covered by fees.

**3. Multiculture:** Paul Brown to get new Hey Man brochure printed in time for Pride. Paul is to develop a flyer for it using the new multi-culture photograph to be finished by late October. Paul is to publish line up and meeting place information as well as any information about route, what to wear and who is encouraged to participate. John Jones, Chris Baldwin, and Rusty volunteered to work on Pride Parade coordination. Paul is to set up a zoom call to coordinate getting ready. Paul is to order Hey Man Rack Cards to be ready for the Parade. Rusty is to coordinate hand outs and putting it on the Event Page and to share with facebook.

**4. Financial** – Scott reported that the community had a balance of \$300 and that the income was flowing comfortably for the NWTAs

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

**5. Fall NWTAs**- Ryan Gatlin reported that we have 14 registrations with two more showing interest. He and Allen Davis are to lead the Rookie zoom meetings. It was decided by a motion to claim the fall, 2017 NWTAs a “GO” Alan Davis made the motion seconded by Paul Brown. The vote was Unanimously approved to declare the NWTAs a “GO”.

**6. TLC/Calendar of Events** – Trainings for 2018 moved to October meeting. Paul Brown is waiting on two items to finalize the calendar. Alan Davis is to provide information from TLC, and Paul will also have to wait until October to schedule the NWTAs for fall 2018. Meeting is to be scheduled before the October 7, 2017 for a suggested calendar for the year to include the following: ST1, IGFT, LT2, I & I. A Gateway was discussed and the council members suggested that we work on integration of diversity through our open circles until we can build large enough numbers in any minority to validate our presence with a gateway and be able to staff it with a good number of initiated men of that minority from the SE Area community.

**7. NWTAs Materials Location:** Paul and Rusty to begin looking for a site to move the storage building after the November NWTAs to a site in Atlanta. A date for transfer will be discussed in the October meeting.

**8. October 7, 2017 Meeting of the Minds:** Paul Brown requested that the Steward Council with the TLC, LKS, New leadership for 2018, Elder Council, Multi-Culture Council, IT Coordinator and any former community leaders to meet after the October 7, 2017 NWTAs Staff meeting for two hours. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following:

- A. Transition to 2018: Mentoring, Rolls, Accountability, Schedule of training and events,
- B. Inter action of the different roles within the community – support, holding those who volunteer for a role accountable
- C. How do we support/mentor our successors. How do we motivate leaders rather than people just taking a title
- D. Are we doing what we agreed to do
- E. Set the January Community meeting date and time
- F. Retaining the initiates. What are we giving them that entices them to be active?
- G. Where is the fun?

## **Council Reports**

**Finance Coordinator (Scott B.) There is \$300 positive balance with good flow of money for us to be stable**

**I-Group Council (Ryan) –**

Ralph reports that Athens, Atlanta, Columbus, Macon and Wham are all providing open circles and that there is an initiate from all but one of our I-groups for the fall NWTAs. There is interest in starting a new men's circle in the Birmingham area. There are two men who have said yes to helping facilitate, including Rich Grehalva. What is needed is a few more initiated men from that

**Trainings Leader Council (Alan)** TLC was to meet on Sunday, September 3 to make recommendations about trainings for 2018.

Alan Davis will provide a report for the Steward Council to approve or make recommendation to amend at the October meeting

**LKS (Ryan, Alan)** Very healthy and growing best ever

**Elder Council (Scott)** – All is good.

**Multicultural Council (Chris Baldwin, Paul)** – Pride Day March is scheduled and approved by the march committee for MKP participation. See New Business

**IT/Web Coordinator** –No report

#### Community Reports

*Elder Council: Well attended and discussion group*

*Atlanta: Growing and expanding into new groups focusing on open circle. Three men have signed for fall up because or open circles*

*Athens: Beginning its new open circle next week*

*Columbus: Open circle has registered a man for the fall NWT.A. Looking at doing the Man on the Mountain retreat.*

*Macon: Growing and being interviewed by PBS about what MKP and Macon I-group does/provides*

*Wham: Enjoying Open Circles*

*Council meeting ended at 9:00 P.M. with a one word checkout.*