

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. Agenda is published to member of the council 1 week before the meetings.

Living, Working History and Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Attending - Rusty Mills (Steward), Paul Brown (Administrator), Scott Baker (Finance & Elder), Michael Moore (Athens/ Inreach Coordinator), Alan Davis (Columbus, LKS), Ron Curl, I.T and Web, Drew Muse, (Multi-Culture Coordinator), Charles Patterson, (Knoxville Community Representative).

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

Elder Blessing: We got busy and forgot

Check-in

Minutes approval: We dove into business and forgot to approve them..

Accountability

All accountability items from previous meeting were reviewed.

Updates and Action Review from PREVIOUS BUSINESS

1. Area I-group organization – Ralph

Report on ST1: (March) *15 people attended the ST1 with great results in training from Rick Broneic and an excellent presentation from ED Carter about LKS. Ralph suggest that we use a person to help with meals and hosting events. Rusty suggested that MOS be considered for hosted events beyond the coordinator. New I-groups are establishing in Augusta, Carrollton and from the Circle of Kings to be lead by Jim Landt*

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

ACTION: Ralph is to use visits to each I-group to coordinate a more cohesive group for I-group reps. Ralph is to add the task of letting the Community Coordinators know that they are to participate in the Steward Council Meeting even though they are not the I-group reps

This item was forwarded to May meeting

2. Council of Mission Coordinator -

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

(Feb) Ryan Gatlin stepped up to be the new Mission Coordinator

(Jan) It was decided that MKP South East needs a Mission Coordinator

(Dec) Discussion of inviting men to participate in open posing including a possible position of Mission Coordinator to be discussed in ASC

(Oct) Per Ed, contacts have been published on our web site.

ACTION: 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 May meeting*

3. I&I Training for South East – Paul

-----*Non-essential items have been removed. refer to previous minutes to see* -----

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

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 May 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. The Steward Council will need to vote on this suggestion

ACTION: After paying back Florida for the amount owed for Spring, 2016, 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 and other Multi-culture representatives are to attend an orientation on August 3

NEW BUSINESS

1. PIT Trainings – Paul is to get information from Eric Develin concerning documenting those that finished P.I.T.

2. I. T. – Meetings and training Photos to be put on Web

3. Financial – Profit or loss for Spring NWTa, What to do with any moneys left over from NWTa and the payment from Hard Labor Creek.

4. Fall NWTa- Report from Ryan Gatlin

5. I & I Training – Suggestions from Paul

6. Multi-Culture – Marketing Material with photos from South East Brothers who are diverse

7. TLC – Trainings for 2018

8. 2018 Calendar – Paul Brown

9. Administrative Support – Paul Brown

Council Reports

Finance Coordinator (Scott B.)

Scott Baker sent out financial report that noted that ST1 was negative in cost by \$455 and I & I was negative by \$1196. At the end of March MKPSE had a credit of \$937 with \$600 ear marked for scholarships for April NWTa. Since then, income has come in from the NWTa, a donor gave the cost of the truck for materials as a gift and another donor gave a gift for the refreshments for the graduations. The \$3048 from Friends of Hard Labor Creek State Park has been received. The Steward Council will need to decide what if any profit will be spent on what purpose. Scott Baker is to recommend alternative ways to fund income and make the recommendation to the Steward Council

I-Group Council (Ryan) – Ralph is stepped into the position visiting all of the I-groups.

Trainings Leader Council (Alan) TLC was to meet on Sunday, May 7th to make recommendations about traings for 2018.

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

LKS (Ryan, Alan) - A regional LKS training with the Carolinas and Florida was very powerful with 10 or 11 men attending and two SE men pouring their first lodges. Jim and Aland attend from the leader body.

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

Elder Council (Scott) – Steve Pollock is the ritual elder for the spring NWTA. Scott Baker reported that the Elder Council was healthy.

Multicultural Council (Paul) – MLK Day March is scheduled and approved by the march committee for MKP participation. John Musser is helping get together men to participate. I & I is to be scheduled for 2018. There was lots of discussion about the commitment of the Multi-culture leadership. Scott Baker is to call to encourage the leaders to get more involved. Rusty Mills is to call all the community coordinators and the coordinators not on this call if we can help them in their feeling comfortable in their roles. Paul Brown was asked to contact Migael Rath in Indianapolis to get ideas about how to augment Multi-culture.

IT/Web Coordinator – Paul Brown is to work with Ron Curl to help with information for the Web site. 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. He, Chris and Paul Brown met on a zoom call on April 28 to discuss what needs to take place and the Blog was offered by Drew to keep multi-culture on Brothers minds. 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. – Information was given out to the new Brothers at Graduation on April 29, and is schedule for May 19-21. Paul Brown is to attend the last day to collect information about who has complete the P.I.T.

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

Council meeting ended at 9:10 with a checkout.