

# MKP Southeast Area Council Meeting

March 10, 2019

Meeting opened 7:35

In Attendance: Ed Carter, Lucas Falor, Alan Davis, Joe Bryan, Michael Moore, Mark Kovacevich, Ralph Hilliard, Allen Doyle, Paul Brown, Jermaine Johnson, John Musser, Ryan Gatlin, Robert Fleitz, Roy Hinshaw

Motion by Mark to accept minutes from February, Seconded by Michael. Minutes accepted.

## Old Business (minutes):

NWTA enrollment is at 17 attendees and 39 staff. All proceeding as planned. First staff meeting is coming up on 3/16. Discussion around announcing the Go decision and also how the decision is reached. Ed made a motion that going forward the Go/No Go decision be entrusted to the WC/Area Admin and Finance. Seconded by Ryan. Discussion was had, motion withdrawn by Ed.

Material Trailer inventory was completed at Robert's. There is a need for two new tires and the connector for the lights is damaged. Michael Moore has renewed his offer to purchase the tires wholesale and Robert will get him the correct size info. Allen Doyle has offered to help with the repair/replacement of the connector. The title was received by Ed and insurance will be sought after finding out MKPUSA coverage options.

Roy is making updates to the website as he receives them. He has also updated most of the I-group info and can also update calendar for events as needed for groups and the Area.

Alan asked for input or questions from men on the Council around wants and guidance needed from the Area/Center Circle:

Roy Hinshaw has requested guidance since he has not had a response from MKPUSA around his role.

Lucas has asked for clarity on managing pre-weekend payments, an ask for better payment options ahead of the weekend vs. all post weekend if men have the ability to make payments ahead of the weekend. Discussion around how payments and agreements for payments are created at the Area level was shared to better understand the current practices.

Paul initiated discussion to bring awareness to our Council members that we have a model to invite and mentor a man into respective Council positions as they vacate at the end of a term. John Musser offered to disseminate to I-group Council the roles that are on Council and offer that to men in our Area that are interested in service on Council

Ed ask for affirmation that there is a budget item for an Elder representative to go the World Elder Council gathering. He is planning to represent our Area at the event in Mexico City. A budget item is in place at \$600. Ed believes that it will be a higher cost and will submit a budget amendment to Lucas that will be representative of actual cost.

Paul has asked for help to figure out what to do with CMR's and release forms that have to be retained for seven years. He has had it stored in his home and it is taking up half of his kitchen. Ed has advised that he believes he can box it all and send to Keith Jarvis at MKPUSA. Alan and Paul will explore minimizing the paperwork and sending to USA.

Ed has voiced awareness that he has had a role of offering past history and procedure and he believes that the Council members holding that responsibility and his intention is to step back from offering input from a historical perspective unless requested.

Alan asked about Multi-Cultural council need for support around the Pride parade. Mark Kovacevich has taken the lead as the Atlanta Community Coordinator to touch base with Jermaine to organize.

John Musser asked for clarification around formation of a new I-group. Feedback given that in order to be an MKP supported I-group then a new group would need to either affiliate with an Area, a chartered community or to explore forming a chartered community within that Area. There was also discussion around how to manage possible issues with a group that is operating outside the affiliation and the possibility that the group is not following the principals of MKP. Paul and Ed to be going to Birmingham and they will have that conversation with the men there.

## **Accountability:**

Ed- Budget amendment for Elder gathering

Mark- Talk with Jermaine regarding Pride registration

Paul/ Alan- Explore what to do with paperwork storage

## **New Business (April agenda):**

NWTA Update

IGFT report

Zoom Account – Ryan

Materials

Area/Center Circle and I-group Council Update

## **Council Reports:**

### **Elder Council:**

Scheduling the normal Elder events has been challenging for March and April with us having to consider conflicts with NWTA related activities.

The Elder I-group is getting it's feet under it. We had 7 at the last meeting.

Florida and Greater Carolinas have been contacted and we have scheduled our first zoom call to explore collaboration among the 3 elder councils.

The NWTA is fully covered regarding Ritual Elder. Scott Baker is serving in a "as if" RE capacity in his path to be certified as a Ritual Elder.

### **In-Reach:**

### **Multi-Cultural:**

### **TLC:**

South East Area Training Leader Council Meeting February 27, 2019

Attendees: Alan Davis, Jim Miller, Eric Devlin, Robert Fleitz, Jim Landt, Ryan Gatlin, Jermaine

Johnson, Joe Bryan

Following an Elder Blessing and initial check-in, the following topics were discussed and/or decided: NWTAs and Spring 2019 NWTA:

ST-1 Training Requirement:

The Council discussed whether a staff applicant might be ineligible because he had not taken the

ST-1 training. While no staff applicant is ineligible to staff this Spring, the Council determined that an ST-1 training in the Area during early 2020.

#### NWTA Flow/Meeting Assignments:

The Council discussed whether it is desirable, as a rule, for the CLCs and LITs on an NWTA to meet and assign responsibility for Flow and Staff meetings prior to Thursday of the NWTA, as has traditionally been the practice in our Area. Alan Davis said that he intended to have a pre-weekend meeting to assign flow before the Spring NWTA. After additional discussion, the consensus was that, going forward, we should seek to meet and assign CLC/LIT responsibility for FLOW and Staff Meetings prior to Thursdays of NWTAs.

#### Guts Carpet Teams:

The Council discussed whether Guts carpet teams should consist of 2 or 3 men, and whether Rookies should be a part of the team. After discussion of the practice in this and other Areas it was determined that, absent a contrary NWTA Leader call, Guts carpet teams should consist of 2 men, and that Rookies should not be on the teams.

#### Guts Carpet Captains:

The Council discussed the process by which Guts Carpet Captains are chosen. The consensus was that ultimately it is a Certified Leader call, but that there is nothing wrong with the CLC/LIT team making recommendations, and no reason that the team should not make recommendations.

#### Spring 2019 NWTA Report:

Jermaine Johnson reported that sixteen men had registered for the NWTA, and that, of those, five had paid deposits or had "skin in the game." Others were expected to pay the deposits soon.

#### Spring 2019 NWTA GO/NO GO VOTE:

The Council was asked to consider whether it would recommend that the Area Steward Council should make a GO decision on the Spring NWTA. The Council discussed various factors relating to enrollment and other matters. Alan Davis expressed his view that the TLC's role was not to consider the financial viability of the NWTA, and that financial viability should be left to the Steward Council. He explained that his teaching was that the TLC should focus on whether, energetically, the Weekend should be a GO. Following further discussion, Alan Davis made a motion that the Council recommend a GO decision, which was seconded by Robert Fleitz. Seven members voted in favor of the Motion, one opposed. The motion carried.

#### Spring PIT:

A Primary Integration Training is scheduled for May 27-19, 2019, and will be lead by Jim Miller and Eric Devlin. Jim and Eric are to meet and discuss leadership responsibility for the PIT and will communicate with Alan Davis about possibly co-leading.

#### March 16 In-Person TLC Meeting:

The Council discussed the need and/or desire for an in-person meeting to discuss and hopefully resolve issues that have been pending for some time without resolution, and to deal with other business. The possibility of a meeting following the March 16 NWTA Staff Meeting was discussed. During the discussion Jim Miller, Eric Devlin and Alan Davis expressed the desire to be hot seated and to seek the blessing of the Leader Body for different roles. The Council agreed to meet in-person after the March 16 NWTA Staff Meeting. Joe Bryan asked all present to let him know of any items they would like to be included on the Agenda for that meeting.

## Athens IGFT

Alan Davis reported that the Athens IGFT is full and all systems are a go.

## Paul Fogarty

Joe Bryan reported that he had spoken with Paul Fogarty and summarized for the Council his conversation with Paul. The consensus of the Council was that, prior to any hot seat, vote, or formal process, that there should be a relatively informal discussion of some kind between Paul and members

of the Council. Details and format for that discussion were left open.

## July LT-2:

Joe Bryan reported that everything is on track for the July LT-2. At this point one man has officially registered, but others have committed to participated in the training but not yet registered because they cannot do so without paying the full \$350 fee. The training is listed on MKP Connect.

## Atlanta August IGFT

Alan Davis reported that dates are still being discussed for this training, but that organizers are enthusiastic.

## Fall 2019 NWTa

Eric Devlin reported that Walt Stewart has agreed to serve as Full Leader; David Rose has agreed to serve as Co-Leader and that Sheldon Korlin has agreed to serve as Co-Leader.

## Fall PIT

Discussion was deferred.

Developing Leader/Jr. LIT status

Discussion was deferred.

## **I-Group Council:**

The I-Group Council continues to meet monthly via zoom calls. I Group reps or other men within the Groups are attending the calls representing their circles – providing a brief opportunity for new men to step into service for their group.

On our call in February, all of our active I Groups were represented for the first time (to my knowledge) in SE Area history. Henry Greene is the new I Group Rep for Macon – Middle GA.

We welcomed the Birmingham circle to our call. During our call – they requested support for facilitation training and Ed Carter stepped up to coordinate a facilitation training focused evening for them.

Paul Brown (InReach coordinator – engagement) is visiting all of the Area I Groups to listen for how to more effectively engage men.

Ralph Hilliard (InReach coordinator – membership) is also visiting all of the Area I Groups to promote MKP Membership.

We established a Google Docs page to communicate and keep track of men who attend our circles who are interested in learning more about the NWTa. This should be updated by all I Group coordinators and is accessed by Enrollment Coordinators for the NWTa.

We have been discussing best practices regarding safety and what groups are doing to grow their circles (open circles being conducted at churches, having open circles that welcome new men but practice the traditional 4 rounds with safety protocols in place, etc.).

There is a continued need to grow facilitation skills in our I Groups. Athens is sponsoring an IGFT training in April that is full. The SE Area has stepped up to provide another IGFT training this summer Dates – TBD. I encourage strong participation at this event once scheduled.

There is a continued need to find ways to grow groups in some of our smaller communities.

I will be attending the I Group Coordinator National Meeting along with Alan Davis in Houston next week. Men are encouraged to communicate any questions, concerns, or needs to me prior to Thus March 21<sup>st</sup> so that I can bring them to the national gathering.

## **LKS:**

Our Area LKS honored and blessed Jim Landt as a new Headman to serve alongside Alan and Ryan until the LKSI gathering, which will be the end of Alan's service as an Area LKS Headman. We are fast approaching the LKSI gathering and preparations, camp visit and travel are being coordinated as men from around the world are signing up.

Check out and meeting adjourned 9:08 pm