

**REC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES -
February 9, 2009**

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In Attendance: Peter Vance, Bob Benac, Don Butner, Don Elston, Walt Forney, Allan Johnson, Pat Johnson, Bill Kaehler, Bill Mullins, Rich Polsinello and Mike Tidd.

Meeting called to order by Peter Vance at the Siena Alumni House.

Opening Prayer-Don Butner

Meditation-Walt Forney

Secretary's Report: January 2009 minutes were reviewed and were accepted with modifications.

Treasurer's Report: Walt Forney reviewed the checking A/C transactions for January. Rich P. reported that he and Don B. in their audit capacity reviewed the 2008 Financial and found it acceptable.

Facility Reports:

Coxsackie: No report.

Great Meadow: *Peter Pasternack* - reunion rescheduled.

Green: *Don Elston* – Team formed with 7 new members (4 new to REC). Still recruiting Hoot Team. Bible program has 3 new attendees. Volunteer dinner (Green, Cocksackie & RMU) will attend. Reunion scheduled for February 19.

Hale Creek: *Pat Johnson* – Reunion with 7 residents. Weekend rescheduled to May 15 – 17th. Looking for spiritual director. Steve Powers acting as liaison until Barry Lupe returns.

Hudson: *Mike Tidd* - Reunion set for February 17, 2009.

McGregor: *Bill Kaehler* – Recent reunion held with 22 residents, 12 outside team members. Fr. Connery is the spiritual director for May week-end.

Washington: *Bill Mullins* – Paperwork complete and talks are set for the week-end.

RMU: No report.

Old Business:

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Re-Entry Program: *Peter V* - Reported on meeting with Mark Leonard, Janet Toole, Deacon Sharrow and Debbie Henry. Corrections still focusing on "at-risk" inmates. Mc Gregor has been designated a re-entry facility.

Spanish Translation – *Peter V.* – 25% done.

Directors Manual – *Scott L.* - Reported good progress by March.

The Evangelist – *Rich P.* - Ad lined up for next edition.

Memorial Gifts for Chaplains – Peter and Louis Pino have coordinated the presentation of Fr. Severson's plaque for the next Confirmation at, Mc Gregor.

Recruitment – *Peter V.* – looking for REC recruiters to speak at St. Ambrose on February 21 and 22.

New Business:

REC week-end details – *Peter V.* – We will suggest that liaisons meet with Facilities to determine bet overall compatibility of REC week schedules with Facility schedule. Also to be reviewed with Facilities various in treatments regarding food brought in and crosses.

Good of the order: The Bishop, members of REC, REC relatives; friends and residents.

Closing Prayer: Our Father

NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 9th.