

REC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 10th, 2009

In Attendance: Don Butner, Don Elston, Walt Forney, Allan Johnson, Pat Johnson, Bill Kaehler, Bill Mullins, Peter Pasternak, Rich Polsinello, Steve Powers, Mike Tidd

Meeting called to order by Mike Tidd at 7:00pm at Siena.

Opening Prayer-Don Butner

Meditation-Peter Pasternak

Secretary's Report: Bill Kaehler - June 2009 minutes reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: *Walt Forney* – submitted written reports for July 2009. The reports were reviewed, and accepted.

Supplies Report: *Bill Mullins* – Remaining St. Benedict crosses will be given to Steve Powers for the Re-entry Program.

Facility Reports:

Coxsackie: *Peter Pasternak* - Tom O'Connor is the director for the upcoming weekend. Presently 32 residents attending Bible classes.

Great Meadow: *Peter Pasternak* – Tom Morrison to be director for December, 11-13th weekend.

Green: *Don Elston* – Team is coming together with Walt Forney as director. Currently have one new term member. Increasing numbers noted for Bible study.

Hale Creek: *Steve Powers* – Held several reunions with 15 to 20 residents. Fall weekend scheduled for November 13-15th.

Hudson: *Peter Pasternak* – Team formation in process with Peter Pasternak as director.

McGregor: *Bill Kaehler* – Recent reunion well attended. Mike Beehner, as director is forming the team for November 20-22 weekend.

Washington: *Bill Mullins* – Fall weekend scheduled for October 22-24th. Team presently at 10 members. Reunion held July with Chaplain Pino conducting a Prayer Service.

RMU: No Report.

Re-Entry Program: *Steve Powers* – Efforts currently redirected. Re-entry units now formed in three counties. ARISE Ministry held a community wide meeting at the Schenectady Community College.

Old Business:

Re-Entry Brochures – Delivered.

Priests' 50th Gifts – Presented to Fr. Peter Young and Fr. Bill Smith.

Spanish Translation – ?

Directors Manual – Still in process.

New Business:

Possibility of supplying "Chicken Soup for the Prisoner's Soul" book to facilities discussed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: The Bishop, members of REC, REC relatives; friends and residents.

Closing Prayer: Our Father

NEXT MEETING – Monday, September 14th.