

REC Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2010
Siena Alumni House

In attendance: Rich Polsinello, Bill Mullins, Roger A, Mike Tidd, Alan Johnson, Don Butner,
Walt Forney, Charlie Burre, Peter Pasternak

Meeting called to order by Mike Tidd at 7:00 pm
Opening Prayer
Meditation by Mike Tidd

No review of previous minutes.

Treasurer's report by Peter Pasternak: After deposits and payments to hotels from recent REC's balance is \$13,048.68. Peter thanked all teams for getting information and receipts to him in a timely manner. In toto, the donations exceeded the hotel charges. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Fr. Shaw forwarded a \$600 donation. Rich Polsinello gave Tom O'Connor "Thank you" letter on REC letter head.

Supplies report by Bill Mullins: 14 Good News Bibles were given to Alan Johnson for Cursillo. 34 are left and will be used on remaining two RECs. Bill is looking for a replacement as Supplies Coordinator. He has copies of the plans for his supplies organizer cabinet. It requires 43 sq ft of floor space and is 7 ft high.

Facilities reports:

Coxsackie: Peter reported for Tom O, all is ready for REC on June 5.

Great Meadows: Peter plans to hold first team meeting tomorrow.

Green: Mike Tidd reported for Don Elston who is ill. They are having a reunion Thursday.

Hale Creek: Charlie reported the REC started with 70 inmates and ended with 55. Nine team members were fingerprinted at HC prior to REC. On day of REC was told that all nine fingerprints were rejected. (Rick Downey later confirmed that only 4 of the 9 were rejected). Reunion will be on afternoon of the May 22 day of Reflection

Hudson: Peter reported that facility was very cooperative. Of the ~30 who came to the REC, 24 came to the reunion on May 2 which was an outstanding return.

McGregor: no report

Washington: Bill reported that 38 of 42 finished the REC. Although they were told they could bring food in the week before the REC, they were denied the day of the REC. The weekend was very good, especially the music and the inmate sharing. They had 1 priest for Reconciliation.

Old Business:

Recruiting: Walt had a booth at the Spring Enrichment at St. Rose. Three people left their names as interested in REC, 2 from Illion. Fr Peter Murray from Aureesville said he wanted to stay involved. Charlie noted that the Hale Creek team contacts him regularly. Walt's poster stated REC's mission, how to help, and directed people to look for parish contacts. He got feedback that display was not "personal" and "inmates are not lepers of society."

Day of Reflection: Rich reported that Peter Vance had sent 147 invitations. To date 43 indicated they would attend. Judy Mullins typed and printed the programs. Fr. Frank O'Connor, Bruce Gardener, Mary Harrison, and Fr. Pat Butler will give talks. The Mass will be in honor of Stan Kiersznowski, celebrated by Fr. Leo Markert.

25th Anniversary: Rich reported that we are still waiting for a date from the Bishop.

Minutes taken by Charlie Burre