

REC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 2010

In Attendance: Bill Barthel, Bob Benoit, Charlie Burre, Don Butner, Terry Doyle, Don Elston, Walt Forney, Paul Heckman, Bill Kaehler, Scott Lusher, Tom Morrison, Bill Mullins, Fr. O'Connor, Tom O'Connor, Peter Pasternak, Rich Polsinello, Peter Vance, and Mike Tidd

Meeting called to order by: *Peter Vance* - at 7:00pm at Siena Alumni House.

Opening Prayer –*All*

Meditation – *Charlie Burre*

Secretary's Report: *Bill Kaehler* – November 2010 minutes reviewed and accepted with modifications.

Treasurer's Report: *Peter Pasternak* – Reviewed expenditures for November including receipts and expenditures for the 25th Anniversary Celebration and balance on hand. Report accepted.

Supplies Report: *Bill Mullins* – Provided and reviewed report for supplies consumed for the year. Report accepted.

FACILITY REPORTS:

Coxsackie: *Tom O'Connor* – Bible Study going well. A few issues with fingerprinting remain.

Great Meadow: *Peter Pasternak* – Great weekend. Ray Germain's idea to switch seat at the tables worked well. Rose Petrak and Bob Ottaviano will be co-directors for spring weekend.

Green: *Don Alston* – Recent weekend residents numbered 40-27 with 14 team members. Joan Havil will be Director for spring weekend with Walt Forney as Assistant Director.

Hale Creek: *Charlie Burre* – Recent weekend (Dec. 11-13th) had 13 residents. Spring weekend is scheduled for May 6-8th with John Lorenc as Director.

Hudson: *Tom Morrison* – Tentative date for spring weekend is May 6-8th with Bill Barthel as Director for the fall weekend. Reunion scheduled for Dec. 21st.

McGregor: *Paul Heckman* – Good weekend with 55 residents and 16 team members. Fr. Ebert was Spiritual Director. Mass was celebrated with Hoot attendees. Spring weekend scheduled for April 30th-May 2nd.

Washington: *Bill Mullins* – Spring weekend set for April 8-10th. Party for volunteers was held Nov. 23rd. Reunion held Dec. 9th with 9 resident attendees.

Recruiting: *Peter Vance* – Draft letter to be sent to parishes was reviewed with Diocesan representative.

Re-Entry: *Peter Vance* – Steve Powers will meet with the newly established Rensselaer County operation. Contact will be made with Parish Peace and Justice Ministries in an effort to connect ex-offenders with parishes.

RMU: *Tom Morrison* – Reunion held last week. Visits are on going.

OLD BUSINESS:

25th Anniversary: *Rich Polsinello* – Great Mass and dinner celebration. Bishop Hubbard was presented with a clock for his contributions to REC over the 25 years. Also noted that the Evangelist will do an article re REC this summer.

Director's Manual: *Scott Lusher* - Will re-send draft manual for comments re pagination.

DOCs Finger Printing: *Peter Vance* – Issues continue, will be on the agenda for the January DOCs meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crosses and Bibles: *Peter Vance* – Teams need to assure, only new residents receive them.

Slate of Officers: *Peter Vance* – Slate of Nominations for REC Council 2011 reviewed and accepted. Vote to take place at January meeting.

Volunteer Status Requirement: *Peter Vance* - reviewed proposed requirements.

REC Program Census: *Peter Vance* – Will distribute enhanced census to Facility Liaisons for review and corrections.

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

Closing Prayer: Our Father

NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 17th.