

Residents Encounter Christ
Council Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2011

In attendance: Roger Augliera, Bill Barthel, Bob Benoit, Charlie Burre, Terry Doyle, Don Elston, Walt Forney, Bill Kaehler, Kathy Masucci, Bill Mullins, Fr. Frank O'Conner, Peter Pasternak, Rich Polsinello, Mike Tidd and Peter Vance

Meeting called to order by: Peter Vance – at 7:00 pm at Siena Alumni House

Opening Prayer: Roger Augliera

Meditation: Charlie Burre

Treasurer's Report: Peter Pasternak – Reviewed expenditures for December 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. There may be a need for Bibles and Green Booklets for future RECs. Report accepted.

FACILITY REPORTS:

Coxsackie: Terry Doyle – Spring REC is scheduled for April 1,2, 3. Will have a three-person leadership composed of the past director (Terry Doyle), the present director (Don Smith) and the director-in-training (Kathy Masucci). The leadership team is already meeting as, with the present situation, all paperwork must be in before deadline. We have also formed a problem solving committee that will meet monthly to resolve problem issues.

Terry Doyle received a memo directing that only one Family Event and one Religious Retreat will be permitted by the Facility for 2011. All religious groups are grieving this action. Terry has written a letter to Deputy Superintendent Hallenbeck advising him of what a devastating effect this would have on our program and the Catholic community at Coxsackie. Peter Vance was given a copy of the letter. Terry will contact the Deputy by phone if she doesn't hear from him in the next few days.

Great Meadow: Peter Pasternak – The Spring REC is scheduled for April 29, 30 and May 1. The Co-Directors will be Bob Ottaviano and Rose Petra. Preparation meetings will be held at Immaculate Conception Church.

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Greene: Don Elston – The Spring REC is scheduled for April 29, 30 and May 1. The Fall REC is scheduled for September 30, October 1 and 2. Bible study is well-attended (approximately 20). Chaplain is doing a nice job. The relationship is working out well.

Hale Creek: Charlie Burre – The Spring REC is scheduled for May 6, 7 and 8. The reunion for the last REC did not take place due to a miscommunication regarding gate passes.

Hudson: no report

McGregor: Bill Kaehler – Thirty people attended the reunion. There seem to be more residents attending.

Washington: Bill Mullins – The Spring REC is scheduled for April 8, 9 and 10. The Fall REC is scheduled for October 21, 22, and 23. Approximately 20 residents attended the reunion mass. Recruitment has 8 members, 2 possibilities.

Recruiting: Walt Forney - Walt presented an excellent letter to the Pastors and Parish Life Directors from Bishop Hubbard regarding REC's Parish Recruitment Effort. Walt will be sending out the Bishop's letter in the near future. A meeting will be set up to discuss other recruitment efforts. He also discussed the Annual Spring Enrichment and REC's involvement this year.

Re-Entry: no report

RMU: no report

New Business: Peter Vance created an organizational chart for DOCs which indicates the chain of command in the facilities. It outlined the appropriate person with whom the liaisons should communicate regarding any of the REC issues/activities. The liaison should foster a good relationship with the Deputy Superintendent. The liaison is the key volunteer in each facility. The new slate of officers for 2011 was voted on and accepted as presented.

Closing Prayer: Good of the Order: The Bishop, members of the REC, relatives, friends and inmates. Our Father

Next Meeting: Monday, February 21, 2011