

REC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2011

In Attendance: Bob Benoit, Bill Barthel Charlie Burre, Donald Butner, Terry Doyle, Don Elston, Walt Forney, Paul Heckman, Alan Johnson, Pat Johnson, Bill Kaehler, Steve McNut, Bill Mullins, Tom Morrison, Thomas O'Connor and Michael Tidd

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

Opening Prayer –*All*

Meditation – *Mike Tidd*

Secretary's Report: – February 2011 minutes reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: *Bill Barthel* – Reported on expenditures and remaining balance.

Supplies Report: *Bill Mullins* – Reported on expenditures, current inventory and soon to be ordered supplies.

FACILITY REPORTS:

Coxsackie: *Terry Doyle* – Retreat planned in 2 weeks has 20 team members, 15 Hoot participants and 60 residents (lost 20 due to paper work).

Confusion continues over new volunteer rules and regs. We are losing new people due to frustration over all items needed to be done. Consideration being given to targeting newly retired people. Much movement in prison population requiring a new base to be built. Anne Narciso's efforts much appreciated.

Bible Sturdy varies from 15 to 30 residents.

Great Meadow: *Peter Pasternak* – Everything is going well.

Green: *Don Elston* – Team formed. Peter Ender will be Co-music Director. Inmate Life Talk presenter will be changing. Recent reunion well attended even with some problems.

Hale Creek: *Charlie Burre* – 4 prep meetings have been held. Facility has a new superintendent.

Hudson: *Tom Morrison* – Good reunion. Father Shaw conducted Penance Service. Tom Morrison and Tom Durfort will be Co-Directors for fall retreat.

McGregor: *Paul Heckman* – Chaplain Lois will be out for an extended period due to hip surgery. Date set for fall retreat weekend-11/18/11.

Washington: *Bill Mullins* – Team ready for the April 8th weekend.

Recruitment: Walt Forney has heard back from 4-5 parishes regarding Bishop Hubbard's 1/6/11 letter regarding REC Advocates.

Re-Entry: - No Report

RMU: *Tom Morrison* – Deacon Jerry and Sue VanAlstyne continue with their efforts. Ann Narciso is able to put 4 hours in a week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Directors Manual: *Peter Vance* – Requested committee to review the manual which is now an attachment to his e-mail and comment regarding structure.

DOC's Finger Printing: *Peter Vance* – Requested an update from each team encountering multiple fingerprint requests in preparation for pending DOC's meeting.

New Volunteer Directive: *Peter Vance* – Reviewed Directive with emphasis on job description and reference requirements.

Finances (purchase request): *Peter Vance* – Motion for purchase of Quick Books software for \$280 made and passed.

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

Closing Prayer: Our Father

NEXT MEETING – Monday, May 16th.