

**REC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES -
January 12, 2009**

In Attendance: Peter Vance, Jack Ablett, Bob Benac, Don Butner, Don Elston, Walt Forney, Allan Johnson, Pat Johnson, Bill Kaehler, Scott Lusher, Tom Morrison, Bill Mullins, Tom O'Connor, Pete Pasternak, Rich Polsinello, Steve Powers and Mike Tidd.

Meeting called to order by Peter Vance at the Siena Alumni House.

Opening Prayer-Don Butner

Meditation-Walt Forney

Secretary's Report: November and December 2008 minutes were accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report which consisted of the December Key Bank checking A/C reconciliation for December, Individual Facility Expense Summary for 2008 and the 2008 Balance Sheet were reviewed and accepted. Peter agreed to assist treasurer with development of a report to provide more detail on contributions and expenses for each weekend.

Nominating Committee: List of nominees (see attached) presented, vote taken and the slate approved.

Facility Reports:

Coxsackie: *Tom O'Connor* - Last reunion had 33 residents.

Great Meadow: *Peter Pasternack* - reunion rescheduled.

Green: *Don Elston* - Bible Study members remain the same. Five (5) new team members have been added.

Hale Creek: *Pat Johnson* - December 20th reunion had 16 residents. A date as been set for the Spring Retreat on May (?). John Jones is director.

Hudson: *Tom Morrison* – Last reunion had 10 residents. Next reunion set for February 17, 2009.

McGregor: *Bill Kaehler* – Reunion held January 10th with 24 residents. Provided Copies of January 2009, the Evangelist article re: Mountainview Correctional Facility's (Spruce Pine, NC) first REC Retreat.

Washington: *Bill Mullins* - ? April team is at 18 members. Reunion date set for February 1, 2009.

RMU: *Tom Morrison for Jerry Van Alstine* – Jerry is going every week. Reunion set for end of February.

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Re-Entry Program: *Steve Powers* – Program is in a holding-pattern. Meeting to be scheduled with Janet Toole. He has attended Albany and Troy meetings with Parole. A group of local ministers involved with Arise, are hoping for a Re-entry Task Force in Schenectady.

Old Business:

REC Crosses – *Bill Mullins* - provided a status report regarding facility old vs. new cross use.

Spring Enrichment – *Peter Vance* - possibility of a booth and the need to staff it was discussed.

Spanish Translation – *Peter Vance* - is reviewing layout.

Directors Manual – *Scott Lusher* - Phase I, three quarters done. Draft to be given to Directors for team in-put.

Finger Printing – Currently requirement is for it to be done only once at a facility and that will cover other facilities.

New Business:

The Evangelist – *Rich Polsinello* - to prepare a draft ad for REC Program.

Knights of Columbus – *Tom Morrison* – Discussed the possible uses for the recent **K-of-C** contribution to REC.

REC Directors – to be invited to attend REC Council meeting.

Recruitment – Cursillo Program as a source for REC volunteers was discussed. Men's program scheduled for June 11 – 14, 2009 at Christ the King Spiritual Center (Greenwich) and Women's Program scheduled for March 19 – 22, 2009 Dominican Retreat and Conference Center (Niskayuna).

Good of the order: The Bishop; members of REC, REC relatives; friends and residents.

Closing Prayer: Our Father

NEXT MEETING – Monday February 9th

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R.E.C. Council Nominations ----- 2009

Chair	Peter Vance
Vice Chair	Mike Tidd
Secretary	Bill Kaehler
Recorder	Scott Lusher
Treasurer	Walter Forney
Supplies	Bill Mullins
Member at Large	Bob Benac
Member at Large	Ray Germain
Member at Large	Allan Johnson
Member at Large	Greg Zoltowski
Member at Large	Pat Johnson
Trustee	Rich Polsinello
Trustee	Don Butner
Trustee	Chuck Finin
Coxsackie	Tom O'Connor
RMU Coxsackie	Gerry VanAlstine
Great Meadows	Peter Pasternak
Greene	Don Elston
Hale Creek	Barry Lupe
Hudson	Tom Morrison
Mt. McGregor	Rich Winslow
ReEntry	Steve Powers
Washington	Harry Brust