

## **REC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **August 10th, 2009**

**In Attendance:** Don Butner, Don Elston, Walt Forney, Allan Johnson, Pat Johnson, Bill Kaehler, Bill Mullins, Peter Pasternak, Rich Polsinello, Steve Powers, Mike Tidd

**Meeting called to order by** Mike Tidd at 7:00pm at Siena.

**Opening Prayer-**Don Butner

**Meditation-**Peter Pasternak

**Secretary's Report:** Bill Kaehler - June 2009 minutes reviewed and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** *Walt Forney* – submitted written reports for July 2009. The reports were reviewed, and accepted.

**Supplies Report:** *Bill Mullins* – Remaining St. Benedict crosses will be given to Steve Powers for the Re-entry Program.

#### **Facility Reports:**

**Coxsackie:** *Peter Pasternak* - Tom O'Connor is the director for the upcoming weekend. Presently 32 residents attending Bible classes.

**Great Meadow:** *Peter Pasternak* – Tom Morrison to be director for December, 11-13th weekend.

**Green:** *Don Elston* – Team is coming together with Walt Forney as director. Currently have one new term member. Increasing numbers noted for Bible study.

**Hale Creek:** *Steve Powers* – Held several reunions with 15 to 20 residents. Fall weekend scheduled for November 13-15<sup>th</sup>.

**Hudson:** *Peter Pasternak* – Team formation in process with Peter Pasternak as director.

**McGregor:** *Bill Kaehler* – Recent reunion well attended. Mike Beehner, as director is forming the team for November 20-22 weekend.

**Washington:** *Bill Mullins* – Fall weekend scheduled for October 22-24<sup>th</sup>. Team presently at 10 members. Reunion held July with Chaplain Pino conducting a Prayer Service.

**RMU:** No Report.

**Re-Entry Program:** *Steve Powers* – Efforts currently redirected. Re-entry units now formed in three counties. ARISE Ministry held a community wide meeting at the Schenectady Community College.

**Old Business:**

**Re-Entry Brochures** – Delivered.

**Priests' 50<sup>th</sup> Gifts** – Presented to Fr. Peter Young and Fr. Bill Smith.

**Spanish Translation** –     ?

**Directors Manual** – Still in process.

**New Business:**

*Possibility of supplying "Chicken Soup for the Prisoner's Soul" book to facilities discussed.*

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

**Closing Prayer: Our Father**

**NEXT MEETING – Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.**