

## **MKP-USA Elder Court Call**

### **Minutes**

**July 9, 2013**

Attending: Jim Howard, John Lindermuth, Simon McCain, Allan Podbelsek and Frank Joie.

Allan provided a blessing

Check in followed.

John reported that we have two new Ritual Elders, Pat Patterson and Bob Gilby. In addition, two men recently recertified.

There have been no responses to the call for Ritual Elder Coordinator candidates for 2014. John will be putting out additional calls. He asked the men on the call to see if there is anyone in our communities that might make a good candidate and if so, pass this on to John.

The project of revising the Ritual Elder protocols in the Guidebook will likely not materialize until next year and that the pre-USAGE and USAGE ritual elder workshop planned will not come to fruition.

John reminded us of the celebration of Ramadan.

Simon and Allan reported on the progress of the USAGE team and planning. Everything is coming along nicely, with no real hitches.

The banner has been designed and created by Frank Joie.

Medalions and other such items have been ordered.

The staff assignments page is up, with access limited to staff.

Frank indicated that the welcoming/program packets design and inclusions are coming along fine. He has contacted the New Hope Chamber of Commerce for handouts. Frank also indicated that the waterpouurer has been confirmed.

Jim mentioned his vision of some type of education workshop/training for elders that would address elder skills and Leadership development. Perhaps this can be a project with collaboration of Jim Fannon [Head Elders], John Linderemuth [Ritual Elders] and Frank Joie [Development coordinator].

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