MKPI ELDER COURT BUSINESS MEETING Tuesday, March 16, 2010

PRESENT:

John de Strakosch	Ritual Elder Coordinator
Jim Fannon	Upstate NY / Treasurer
Gene McMahon	Elder Chair
Norman Pearl	Philadelphia / Elder Communications Coordinator
Ken Plattner	Vice Elder Chair
Allan Podbelsek	Ritual Elder Co-Coordinator / WEG 2010 Chairman
Kent Schnurbusch	Elder Development Chair

MINUTES:

1) **Opening Blessing:**

By Norman

2) Check In

3) World Elder Gathering

Allan sent a draft of the program prior to this meeting:

- The opening ceremony, offsite, is to bring in spaciousness and spirituality. The Fossil bed transportation is being arranged.
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- On Thursday: four 3 hour blocks of time are being planned:
 - 2 in large setting w/spouse (men and women)
 - Followed by small group [living forum] afternoon. Forums to support practices or skills.
 - Waiting for Michael Boyle confirmation. He will be offered a stipend with travel expenses.
- Friday is to be determined after Thursday is planned
- Both Thursday and Friday sessions in fostering, growing and refining the sovereign.
- Michael may do large and/or small group presentations in addition to MKP Banquet on Sat night
- Will select presenters not seek presenters: connected program and deep significance
- Saving Money:
 - No special charge for a person attending a Mike presentation. Don't want to nickel & dime for each item and trying to keep costs down.
 - In the past, presenters have given a sample of their subject with the idea of people paying for more later – this helps defray costs for presenters.
 - Exploring deal with hotel for refreshments
- Suggested Charges: Registration \$75 and Banquet Dinner 50.
- Suggesting we consider a transition to the 25/25 by bring people into the established circle

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- The 25/25 doesn't have budget yet.
- Elder Business meetings would be on Saturday:
 - If on Thursday or Friday, it would interrupt the togetherness
 - Sat. may have women, who select the option, at off site event during business meeting

4) WEG Proposals

- We're not in synch with odd year elections as we've established at MKPI. At the WEG, there will be a proposal to hold elections in October and have the man take office at the Glen Ivy Business Meeting. This gives a new man a period of time to be mentored before taking office.
- The current requirement for the Elder Chair is that he be a Ritual Elder. Perhaps this requirement is to be eliminated.
- It will be important to send the proposal out well ahead of time for men to review. Perhaps in the summer.

Respectfully submitted by Norman Pearl.

Playful Lion

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