

**MKP-USA Elder Court Call
Minutes**

April 8, 2014 - 4:00 PM CDT

Attending: Jim Howard, Jim Fannon, Simon McCain, Norman Pearl, Frank Joie and Joe Stortz

Elder Blessing

A check-in at 4:05 CDT

Jim Howard welcomed Norman Pearl to the Elder Court. Norman will be communications and web master taking Bill Gleason's place. Bill was thanked for his generous service to the Court.

REPORTS:

USAGE (Part 1): Simon was not on line at the beginning of the meeting. Jim Howard gave an abbreviated report on the progress of planning for the USAGE. There have been one or two planning meetings. A planning meeting is scheduled for April. Jim will forward a copy of the minutes of the last planning meeting which will be attached to these minutes. The local planning is apparently going well. Scott will be putting out a call for presenters soon. There is still no selection of a woman to lead the woman's program.

Ritual Elder Report: Neither Rod nor Roger were on this call. Rod had submitted a Ritual Elder report in advance. Joe reviewed the contents of this report for those on the call. Rod's RE report can be found as an attachment to these minutes.

Mentoring Project: Frank and Jim F reported that they have not begun work yet on this project. They will get together and report at next month's meeting.

Lead Elders: Jim F reported that Lead Elder second quarter calls will begin after Easter tax filing date. There will be a call for Areas 1 & 3 on April 24th. Area 2 call on April 25 and areas 4 & 5 on April 28.

Fundraising: Jim F reported he has not received an updated report from Scott. Jim H stated that a recent figure he received was \$ 1910.00 since the 2013 USAGE.

WEB: Norman reported that our website has been updated. Information is there that David Davis has requested. Norman is willing to post any submissions for the web that are related to Eldership. The website can be reached at elders.mkp.org.

BUDGET RATIFICATION: Jim Howard reported that a budget was submitted to MKPUSA. A copy has been shared with the Elder Court. Frank made a motion to accept the budget. It was seconded by Norman. The budget was then ratified unanimously.

Simon checked into the meeting at this time. He later provided additional update information about the USAGE.

WEG 2015 - USAGE 2016: There was a discussion concerning having a USAGE 2015. It appears that there will be WEG in 2015 in Hawaii. Considering that the WEG will be in the USA, it was suggested that we not have a USAGE that year so as to not compete with the WEG. The Court was unanimous in their view to postpone the next USAGE to 2016, if there will be a WEG in Hawaii in 2015. Jim H will talk with Simon Hinckley about this decision.

USAGE (Part 2): Simon reported that David has not yet been able to identify a woman to organize the women's part of the USAGE. Alan and David have spoken and Alan gave David some suggestions for woman leaders. A venue has been found for the women's workshops but it is not at the same location as their lodging.

Check-out at 4:50 CDT