Minutes for the
MKP Elder Court Phone Bridge
Thursday, January 29, 2015

Men on the call: Jerry England, Jim Fannon (MKP USA Elder Chair), Scott Lederman, John Lindermuth, Robert Golden (Guest—WEG 2015 Chairman), Norman Pearl, Allan Podbelsek, Ron Roesler
Court members not on call: David Bauerly, Rod Clay, Simon Hinkly (MKPI Elder Chair)

Blessing: Podbelsek

WEG 2015 in Hawaii, October 11-15, 2015. Robert Golden gave an update on the status of the meeting emphasizing its theme which is "Sustainability." There are 95 people enrolled, 2/3 of whom are from MKP USA, various Women organizations such as Woman Within or Women of Power or MKPI. Simon is working on connecting with his international court to motivate enrollment. Robert's committee had a good call last week. The vision was for the total enrollment to be 30% women and 10 % young warriors. The Young Warrior Constituency chair indicated that because they are still in the early stages of organizing this group they would not be able to play as big a role in the WEG program as some of us thought. There will be at least one session at the WEG prepared by young warriors. Charlie Miller, in Hawaii, is in charge of enrollment. He has worked with Allan to look at other possible groups of elders to reach out to with information and invitation to attend the WEG.
Robert encouraged the MKP USA elders to begin planning for the 2016 USAGE. Robert reminded us that anyone can't attend the WEG whether or not they are a member of MKP or the women's organization mentioned above.

John Lindermuth sought clarification of his role. Jim Fannon clarified the role of "Elder Development" particularly as it applies to increasing the number of Ritual Elders across the USA and outside the USA. Data indicate that we are losing Ritual Elders quicker than we are gaining them. The discussion moved to the Ritual Elder workshop in Hawaii just before the WEG begins as was done in TX (LOMG) last fall. John mentioned that he would like to schedule a stand-alone Ritual Elder workshop sometime during the year.

The Court shifted to a discussion around using Zoom in future calls where all present could talk and see each other during the meeting. Jim wanted the group to figure out when we could talk on a monthly basis. Allan suggested that this could be done better through emails. John suggested we use "Doodle" service available to create a questionnaire for the court where they could indicate their preferences/times for court calls. John agreed to make that happen.

Since Rod Clay, Ritual Elder Coordinator, could not be on the call, he sent a report to Jim who gave some of the data in Rod's report. There are 84 active Res, 70 in MKP USA and 14 MKPI. There are 16 Ritual Elders in Training in MKPUSA and 2 in MKPI.   One-half of the REs recertified in 2014. For further details see the attached report sent by Rod.

Jerry England is the Budget and Fund Raising Coordinator. He will be working with Scott Lederman to get a handle on what the budget will contain. Jim voiced concern over money available for stipends for him and money to help his court get at least partial reimbursement for travels. Jim would like to create a face-to-face meeting for his court. He would like to have money for trainings (such as a RE training). The source of income for the MKP Elder Council is basically the USAGEs. Jim will work with Jerry to look at some alternate possibilities to find additional funds. Jim is seeking clarification of funds in the Elder Account kept by MKP USA.

Ron Roesler will work to get an updated list of Elder Contacts across centers, areas, sustaining communities based on the unification process for MKP USA.

Norman Pearl, is available to modify/update the web page as needed. He wants a photo of each man on the Elder Court. Send him your photo if he doesn't have one. JPEG format is preferred.

Jim wants to take a look at the Elder Guidebook that has been developed in the last 2 or 3 years.

Jim led us into the checkout with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted by
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