

MARS MEETING 4/30/04

GOODHUE COUNTY

1. Call to Order, The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. at Goodhue County Government Center.
2. Members present: Kathy Poslusny, Kevin Titus, Pamella Fiereck, Clarice Peterson, Brenda Guidinger, Crystal Steinkamp, Mark Allen, Betsy Zwicke, Alec Holman, Andrea Cooper, Becky Stanoch, Sue Mahn, Melynda Nelson, Truda Boler, Kevin Mettler, Stacy Ahmann, and Stephanie Sabyan.
3. Welcome and Introductions were made.
4. Review Minutes: A motion was made by Becky Stanoch to approve the meeting minutes from the February 6th, 2004. Sue Mahn seconded the motion.
5. Treasurer's report: Becky Stanoch submitted the updated treasurer's report from April 30th, 2004. The report indicates one new membership and expenditures of \$9.00 for three months of bank maintenance fees. The new balance of 4/30/04, is \$1,482.60.

6. Retirements/Old Business/New Business

Wayne Wendel Todd/Wadena County

Sent a card @ meeting

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Sent at November meeting

An open discussion was held surrounding a possible name change from Minnesota Association of Restitution Services, to Minnesota Association of Restorative Services. After further investigation it was found that another organization had the same name as MN Association of Restorative Services. As a result that name was abandoned.

Invitations for the next meeting were discussed. Brenda G. Volunteered to make and send the invites out. The invites were sent out to recruit new

membership and inform people of the goals of our organization. This was conducted by putting our goals on the back of the invitation.

Kevin Mettler volunteered to host the next meeting at Jack McGowan's Ranch in Blue Earth County. Maps were provided in the invitation, and also cups, silverware, plates, grills and some food are going to be provided. Please RSVP with Brenda G. if you plan on attending.

Old Business

At the Feb 04 meeting discussions were held surrounding the future of the organization and how to improve membership.

1. Make invitations for a couple of future meetings starting with the 8/04 meeting.
2. Also each county is asked to invite a neighboring county to attend one of the upcoming meetings.
3. STS Supervisors invite new probation officers, or new STS Supervisors to one of the upcoming meeting.

Website

Discussions were held surrounding our MARS website.

1. Community Work Service Directory
 - a. How often should we update it?
2. Should we link to the State of MN website?
3. Should we post regional information on our website?
4. Should we post the rules of referral for community work service?
5. Should we post members list on the website?
6. Should we post the benefits of enrolling in the MARS organization on the website?

Future Speakers

Randy Hartnett DOC Policy and Legal Services

Steve Roelofs Critical Incident Involvement and Debriefing

Individual and County Updates

Blue Earth County

One STS Crew is shared between Blue Earth and Nicolett County, all crews are operating well.

They have 80 sites and are currently allowing the defendants to work off there fines at a rate of \$5.00 per hour.

Ramsey County:

New Director, Carol Pender-Roberts, has some new and interesting ideas regarding CWS and STS. Ramsey County is expanding STS Crews. Also described were some of the unique CWS sites around the St. Paul area.

Goodhue County:

STS numbers are down and they currently are offering \$5.00 per hour to work off fines.

Itasca County:

Crew and court numbers are down, having a tough time maintaining bundle production. Also have hired a ½ time crew leader.

Dodge County:

Having a difficult time placing and having younger offender finish their community work service hours.

Stearns County:

Business as usual, they have hired a third crew leader, with Becky completing the scheduling. They also are charging to complete community work service.

Dakota County:

Allowing juvenile offenders to work off their court ordered restitution.

Nicollet County:

Currently are allowing offenders to work off fines at a rate of \$5.00 per hour. They also have 1 juvenile crew and ¼ time STS.

Anoka County:

Also allowing offenders to work off fines at \$5.00 per hour. They also report that business is booming and they also have been dealing with visiting judge sentences.

Olmstead County:

Nothing new to report in county.

Sherburne County:

Allowing offenders to work off fines at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. They currently have 2 adult crews, 1 juvenile crew and a STS crew. They also are

running an evening crew from 4-midnight. They also are charging a fee of \$50 to serve on the crew.

Meeting adjourned 11:32 am.

Next meeting Friday August 6th, Blue Earth County.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Titus
MARS Secretary