

MARS BUSINESS MEETING AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2003  
Itasca County

Members Present: Vic Moen, Kevin Titus, Wayne Wendel, Kathy Poslusny, Becky Stanoch.

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Vic Moen at 9:47 a.m. at the Itasca County Public Library. Welcome and introductions were made.
2. Treasurer's report was submitted by Becky Stanoch. She reports one new membership and a current balance of \$1,266.65. It should be noted that due to low attendance the budget could not be approved.
3. Review of minutes could not be approved due to low attendance.
4. Old Business – 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary update. It was decided that Pizza Man, the Sherburne County caterer will provide lunch for the meeting at a very low cost. Further, past presidents would be invited and Kathy will send out invitations to all members. Members who plan on attending should RSVP by October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003. It should also be noted that Vic will provide a cake from the Cold Spring Bakery at no cost to the association. The group also discussed possible commemorative folder prices and types.
5. New Business –
  - A. Reminder to all, membership dues need to be renewed at the next business meeting.
  - B. Nominations for vice president and secretary are due at the next business meeting.

6. Karin M. Ehlert, Office of Justice Programs, presented updated information and packets on victim's rights services, the Office of Justice Programs, and Reparations.

a) Karin discussed the reorganization of her office and the different divisions of her office.

1. Crime Victim Reparations.
2. Victim Services Grants Administration.
3. Training, Communications, and Research.
4. Community Notification Hearing Representation.
5. Crime Victims Justice Unit.

b) Reviewed victim's rights through the criminal justice system.

1. Right to be notified.

a. V.I.N.E. or (victim information notification everyday). This is a system that victims can sign up for through the state. The system notifies the victim via automated calls when an offender will be released from custody. The system will continue to call the victim until the victim types in a security code. This ensures the victim will be notified of an offender's release from custody. For more information on VINE visit [www.dps.state.mn.us/mccvs/home.htm](http://www.dps.state.mn.us/mccvs/home.htm)

2. Right to participate.
3. Right to protection from harm.
4. Right to apply for financial assistance.

c) Discussed the difference between reparations and restitution.

1. Types of crimes that reparations will cover.
2. Who is eligible to receive reparation money?
3. The eligibility requirements for reparations.
4. Reparation benefits.
5. Funding sources for reparations.

- d) Reviewed the probation statutory requirements.
1. 611A.037 subdivision 1
  2. Notice to victim (611A.037 subdivision 2)
  3. Probation Hearing (609.135 subdivision 1a)

e) Contact Information

For more information please email Karin or visit the website listed below.

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## 7. Individual Discussions –

Itasca County – Budget issues and fee updates. It was decided that Itasca County would not be implementing any new fees with the exception of urine analysis fees. This is due to a statute change for public defender co-pays (see below). You may find the complete statute information at

[www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/slaws/2003/ss1.02html](http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/slaws/2003/ss1.02html)

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co-payment shall be according to the following schedule:

(1) if the person was charged with a felony, \$200;

(2) if the person was charged with a gross misdemeanor, \$100; or

(3) if the person was charged with a misdemeanor, \$50.

If the person is a child and was appointed counsel under the provisions of section 260B.163, subdivision 4, the parents of the child shall pay to the court a co-payment of \$100. If the person is a parent of a child and the parent was appointed

3, counsel under the provisions of section 260C.163, subdivision  
the parent shall pay to the court a co-payment of \$200.

Stearns County – Increased diversion fees to \$55

\*\*\*\*\*It should also be noted that Vic's report on STS is available online at [www.doc.state.mn.us/pdf/stsreviewassessment2003.pdf](http://www.doc.state.mn.us/pdf/stsreviewassessment2003.pdf)

Next meeting – November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Sherburne County Government Center.

Meeting Adjourned 11:27 a.m.

Minutes interpreted by Kevin Titus

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Titus  
MARS Secretary