

**Tucson Area Wiccan/Pagan Network
Minutes of Membership Meeting**

TAWN Cauldronluck & Membership Meeting
11:00 on 09/14/2008 at La Madera Park

Call to order at 11:11 AM, 21 people present

<i>Positions</i>	<i>Board Members</i>
Coordinator	Arlene Davis
Vice Coordinator	Jim "Oak" Roker
Treasurer	Morgan Canady
Secretary	Patrick Campion
Outreach	Raya "April" Fand
Publicity	Dian "Tissha" Curran (tardy)
Outreach	Peggie Dearden

Board and Volunteer Reports

Arlene started the meeting by introducing the current Board members, and congratulating them on a job well done. Meeting attendees gave a round of applause for them.

Patrick distributed the mail from the P O Box.

Morgan made the Treasurer's Report:

Bank balance as of 07/31/2008		\$3768.63
Deposited 8/11 (Fall Fest Proceeds)	\$ 468.02	
Outstanding Checks-		
Postage Stamps	\$ 42.00	
PPD Bracelets	78.00	
Office Max	136.96	
Tucson Weekly	860.00	
FF21 Vendor Refund	75.00	
<u>Tapestry</u>	80.00	
T-Shirts	189.91	
FF21 Insurance	357.00	
Storage Locker	<u>393.60</u>	
Total Checks	\$2212.47	
Reconciled Balance		\$2024.18

Arlene next brought up the end-of-year business as a reminded for members. All memberships end as of Fall Fest, and if you have not renewed (or started) your membership by 11:45 on Saturday the 20th, you will not be able to vote in the election. For those who renew here at Cauldronluck, ballots for the election are available today as well – see Patrick. Many people have Tapestry subscriptions that expire as of Fall Fest as well. For the convenience of our members, we have both membership applications and Tapestry subscription forms here today.

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Deborah Campion reported on Fall Fest T-shirts. For those who have not yet heard, the printer has been having trouble getting blank T-shirts shipped, due to economy troubles and the high cost of shipping. Of all the special orders, they were only able to fill two – and that was because they happened to have the wanted shirt already in stock. We were also limited on colors – so all the shirts for the Board and the workshop presenters are black on grey, and all the shirts available for sale are black on red. We have the shirts today, so if you are picking one up please come see me during the networking portion of the meeting.

Fall Fest

Volunteers:

We still need many more volunteers if we are going to have a successful Fall Fest. Oak, our Vice Coordinator, is passing around some pretty sign-up sheets he created. They will, however, look much prettier when your name is on them instead of those blank spaces. During networking, please gather around Oak if you volunteer for set up/strike/security, around Raya if you volunteer for the TAWN Booth, around Peggie if you want to help with the Silent Auction, or around Morgan if you want to help out at the Psychic Fair. They will tell you what you need to know to be a big help to us. Also, we are having a special raffle just for the volunteers – you cannot buy the tickets for this, and there will be prizes that are NOT in the regular raffle. We are buying two grocery store gift cards, from stores with health and organic food available, and we will raffle them off to our volunteers. For every hour you work, you get a raffle ticket – and even if you go home before we draw your name, we will get your ticket to you.

Event Schedule:

(All workshops are in Ramada 6, other events are at or near the TAWN Booth in Ramada 5)

10:00 – 10:45 Nan Martin

“Spiritual Journeying and the Tarot”:

The cards of the tarot can be used for self development as well as fortune telling. Come learn and experience how to let tarot's symbols guide your spiritual journey.

11:00 – 11:45 Kathy Twohawks, Lakota Medicine Woman

“The Magic Drum and You”:

Bring your drum; learn how drums can be used in ritual, drum history, and a special drum blessing at the end of the class.

1:00 – 1:45 Sepp Lanz

"Living in Balance, a brief history and perspective of the Tohono O'odham in the Tucson area":

I will present a brief overview of their history, how they lived in the desert, covering what the local mountains and landmarks are called in Tohono O'odham, a review of their dry farming techniques, food prep, then how they are currently doing, tribal political structure for their 9 districts, followed by how we as Pagans can learn from First Nation Peoples in living in harmony with our local environments.

2:00 – 2:45 Ashleen O’Gaea

“It is never too late to come of age”:

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It's never too late to raise your own inner child to become the adult you'd like to be. With Ashleen O'Gaea, author of Raising Witches and other books about Wicca, explore ways to grow yourself up and come of age as a Pagan.

3:00 – 3:45 Nora Ford
“Scholarship and Personal Gnosis”:

This workshop will focus on the merging of scholarship and UPG into a holistic spiritual experience. This class will show that both are important in forming a relationship with the kindred. This class is meant to be an introduction to merging intuition with verifiable information.

Entertainment:

10:00 – 11:00	Veils of Mystery Belly Dance Troupe
All Day Long	Bard Lugh, the Wandering Minstrel
All Day Long	Face Painting at Maggie's Facepaint Magic
All Day Long	Dragon's Quest "Coming of Age" (for children)
All Day Long	Psychic Fair - with Licensed Psychics
All Day Long	Silent Auction at the TAWN Booth
All Day Long	Raffle give-aways at the TAWN Booth
All Day Long	Merchant's Row will have vendors ready to serve you

Food and Drink:

R & R Barbecue, the acclaimed food service from last year, is returning with more yummy barbeque for your lunching pleasure. He will be serving from about 11:00 until he runs out of either food or customers. TAWN will be selling bottled water at the TAWN Booth for \$1.00 again this year; while we don't have any more logo bottles we will have water that is ice cold and refreshing.

Public (Open) Rituals:

11:00- Sonoran Sunrise Grove is hosting a Children's Ritual, and all children are invited to attend. Children who want to do so should come to the TAWN Booth for directions.

6:00- Sonoran Sunrise Grove is also hosting the Autumn Equinox ritual, known as Mabon to some Pagans. Sonoran Sunrise Grove is a local group of Druids, who celebrate and teach Druidic ways. All are invited to join in the ritual, which will be on the soccer field on the southeast side of the Festival.

Patrick reported on the current vendor list. As of Friday 09/12/2008, we have 10 "sales" and 1 "non-profit", for a total of eleven vendors selling. We also have 5 "information" booths that have paid, plus one more arranged over the phone who is bringing his paperwork Saturday. That is a total of 17 vendors, not counting the one who cancelled. To get even more, Brian Delaney has volunteered to contact all the vendors from last year who have not yet signed up, starting tomorrow.

Morgan reported about the Psychic Fair. She will have four readers, all licensed by the City, and 3 of her 4 cashier shifts have been filled. She will need help setting up and tearing down. If

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everyone brings what they have promised, she has enough chairs, tables, and shade for the Fair. She checked with some people there, who all confirmed that they were bringing what they agreed to.

Raya will be running the TAWN Booth. She will have cashier sheets for the cashiers, cash boxes for them to use, and will have all the usual stuff for sale. Don't forget - earn a raffle ticket per hour for volunteering.

Brandyn, our Moon School teacher, will oversee the Dragon's Quest this year. For those who don't know, Dragon's Quest is a children's activity which is free for the kids. Once they sign up, they cruise Fall Fest looking for the secret symbols they have been told about. When they find one, they have the vendor tell them the bit of lore they need to learn at that station, and they collect a token for having done so. When they have all their tokens, like a scavenger hunt, they turn them in and get to select a prize. Every child who plays, wins! The only restriction is that they have to have their parent or responsible adult with them while they play.

More Board and Volunteer Reports

Michael Reynolds is our Webmaster. Check out the site - it is up to date and looking good. Send any corrections to Mike. He will be at Fall Fest in the afternoon, since he works until 4am.

Vice Coordinator **Jim "Oak" Roker** is in charge of the public Open Rituals. The current schedule is full through October of 2008; the new Board will not need to schedule anything until the Winter Solstice in late December. The year's schedule:

Yule	12/23/07	TAWN Board	15 attendees
Imbolc	02/03/08	Tissha	8 attendees
Ostara	03/16/08	TAWN Board	6 attendees
Beltane	05/02/08	Silver Midnight	18 attendees
Midsummer	06/22/08	Troth (Norse)	22 attendees
Lughnassadh	06/22/08	Circle of SAGE	13 attendees
Mabon	09/20/08	Sonoran Sunrise Grove	at Fall Fest
Samhain	10/26/08	Raya "April" Fand	at Himmel Park

Sweet Tomatoes is September 15 and October 20.

Tissha - Publicity is needed now for September and October; she will be sending out the monthly update right away so if you have an announcement for her get it to her immediately.

Arlene: Adult Education-

Education location-Adult Ed. Classes will be held at the Himmel Park Library in the large meeting room, on the first Sunday of the Month at 2PM. The room is reserved from 2-5 and can be reserved from 1-5 if necessary. We are reserved through November; the library permits reservations only three months in advance. The schedule for the "Practical Magic" series is:

12/02/07	Shielding: Why and How	Arlene Davis	5 attendees
01/06/08	The Kitchen Witch	Arlene Davis	3 attendees

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02/03/08	Ethics in Paganism	Dr. Shelly Rabinovitch	17 attendees
03/02/08	Deity and Mediumship	“Tissha” Curran	2 attendees
04/06/08	Ceremonial Magic	John George	11 attendees
05/04/08	Crafting Tools	Arlene Davis	3 attendees
06/01/08	Goddess Cultures	Priestess Jeanie	8 attendees
07/06/08	Spell Craft	Priest/ess Forum	9 attendees
08/03/08	Lughnasadh	Circle of SAGE	8 attendees
09/07/08	Meditation	Nan Martin	7 attendees
10/05/08	Altars and Their Purposes	<i>open for teacher</i>	at Himmel Park
11/02/08	<i>open for a subject</i>	<i>open for teacher</i>	at Himmel Park
12/07/08	<i>open for a subject</i>	<i>open for teacher</i>	at Himmel Park

Brandyn has Moon School curriculum for elementary set for this year. We need to publicize the themes for each month ahead of time.

Raven has volunteered to monitor the Teens and Tweens in a discussion group. Themes and topic will come later as so far there has been response from students.

Public Outreach/Membership Support-Raya and Peggie

Needs to be local, not just far away – if you know of a Pagan needing community support, let a Board member know and get permission to announce it at C-L

Old Business:

Tapestry deadline is coming up 11-1-08

Ramada Clean Up –Need new person since Patrick retired

We now have a storage room for TAWN’s pile o’ stuff. Much of it is already there, and we will finish moving in after Fall Fest.

Ballots for election of new board are here for review and for pick up with your membership renewal

New Business:

October BOD Meeting will be Wednesday, 10/08/08 at Arlene’s and starts at 7:00

Meeting was adjourned at 11:58, with 29 people present.