

CAULDRONLUCK 12/13/09 MINUTES

1. Call to order: 11:06 a.m.

BoD Members Present: Raymond Offord, Coordinator; Sue Sorensen, Secretary; David Foster (aka "Gannd"), Treasurer; Raya Fand ("April"), Member-at-Large/Scribe

18 present in all (including the BoD)

2. Correspondence/Mail Call - almost all the mail was for Gannd: memberships, Tapestry subscriptions, and bank statements. One magazine was received for Patrick.

3. Treasurer's Report - as of December 11, \$833.54 is our balance. The total cost was for Tapestry was over \$100 again and Faerie Moon directly paid a portion (roughly \$42) of the total, leaving \$65 for reimbursement from TAWN. Gannd will take care of the \$300-\$400 deposit for the UU Church (he works 12 hours days near the end of the year, then will have some free time to do the balance reviews and audits).

Memberships are down: there were 71 on the ballot feed (last year), now it'd be 30. We need to push for memberships.

It takes \$1400 per year to fuel us. A third is the storage unit, one third Tapestry, web site, phone line. Don notes that the website renewal is due soon. The phone line costs \$156 from voice exchange. Raymond asks about other options; Gannd hasn't checked; Raya volunteers to inquire, as phone manager.

4. Fundraising and Grants - To date, Gannd is the only one doing payroll deductions. \$10-\$20 per day, plus a lump sum donation (if necessary) for SF.

In fund raising, we're going for small businesses, and grants and scholarships from large businesses, including one from Wal-Mart. We call for others. We're also looking at foundations that support community education.

Our change-a-thon involves jars with the TAWN logo. Might we make several hundred a year just from loose change? Even just \$50 would be good.

Discuss Grand Raffle idea - donations for ticket-making?

Metaphysical shops for donation? The Grand Raffle should be no-cost. Don says to call it a "drawing," not a "raffle."

The Grand Drawing is now an action item.

5. Community Service Reports - Gannd has the receipts Sue needs for spreadsheets; they will probably be done after the holidays. Gannd needs the original for his file.

- a. Primavera - Sue will send our information to them.
- b. VA - " " "
- c. Food Bank - Jacob is the connection person
- d. Trees/Recycling - Daniel hasn't talked to Parks & Recreation yet (about tree planting).
- e. Ramada Cleanup - something will go on the Forum to tell people when, and whatever other instructions need to be given.

Raymond asks if Sage has service projects. If so, TAWN and Sage might support each other, as with the Grove's river walks. Carol notes that "Mother Earth Ministries collects cans to sell for recycling on 22nd street." Raymond concludes with, "We'd like to get known in the community."

6. Webmaster - Sue (the liaison) has not had much contact with him. We cannot just send him the minutes for information purposes. We must send information directly in e-mails, and the info on the Yule ritual (upcoming on December 20, 2009) is urgent.

7. TAWN Forum

a. Review

b. Policy announcements - we're working on a policy; we've got to work with J to see what policies he has. A group file should be sent out every one to three months.

8. Open Rituals - Will Gannd do Lughnasad this year? Yes. So only Samhain and Yule 2010 are open. (It would be nice to move people and groups around for different holidays, as opposed to having the same groups always lead the same sabbats). The present lineup is:

Imbolc - January 31 - Sage.

Eostara (at Spring Fest), March 27 - Raya, Daniel, and other volunteers.

Beltane, May 2 - the Board, at Ft. Lowell Park, riparian area (aka Ramada 7).

Midsummer, June 20 - the Troth

Lughnasad, August 1 - Gannd

Mabon (at Fall Fest), September 18 - Sage

Samhain (October 31) - open

Yule - December 19 - open

9. Festival Reports - Spring Fest is set for March 27, because the weekend of the 20-21 is the Fourth Avenue Street Fair, and the 14 is St. Patrick's Day festivities. Fall Fest is traditionally as close to the equinox as possible. Raya mentions the Wrangling with Writing Conference of the Society of Southwestern Authors: this year (2009) it took place on the same weekend as Fall Fest, which prevented Ashleen O'Gaea from attending Fall Fest and doing a booksigning (and whatever workshops she might have wanted to do at FF). This is undesirable, and should be avoided if possible. Raya and Raymond agree that the 18th of September is the best day, and no known conflicts with other major community events occur that day. Would Sage like to lead the ritual that day, or would they prefer the 25th? They have nothing scheduled yet; they will get their calendars together soon.

10. Education:

a. Adult Education: call for subjects, class leaders, and Pagan Forum participants. The schedule for 2010 so far is:

January - no class.
February 7 - "The Dying Goddess" (with Raya)
March 7 - open
April 4 - Panel on Pagan worldviews (tentative)
May 2 - open
June 6 - open
July 4 - open
August 1 - open
September 5 - open
October 3 - open
November 7 - open
December 5 - open

b. Moon School - Raymond started the report on Moon School when Jeanie interrupted and demanded to talk, saying the report should not be given without input from the last person to hold the position of Moon School teacher. Raymond demanded to talk 30-60 seconds, and then let her. She kept interrupting him, and said she'd been "treated like crap." She complained about being "bashed on the Forum" without being consulted for her side of the story; she complained about "lies."

A big shouting episode involving the Davises ensued. Don said Moon School was "hijacked" from Jeanie. At one point (evidently in response to the charge that everyone was against Jeanie) Raya said, "That's not true! I was in favor of her [Jeanie's] return." When Sue spoke (her words not noted), John yelled at her, something to the effect of, "Shut your face, woman!" John gave a reason for not wanting to be in a group (like TAWN) that did some sort of objectionable behavior; the exact objection was unclear (or inaudible) to the Scribe.

Raymond perpetually insisted that Jeanie (and the Davises too, possibly) "declined to cooperate" when offered multiple chances to discuss and mediate on the Moon School issue.

- i. Curricula - nothing noted on this subject
- ii. Moon School Teacher(s) - no volunteers as of yet.

11. TAWN Directory - Ashleen had a looseleaf networking book in a black rolling crate, and scrap books as well (which may list former members' information). We have traditionally had a "yes" and "no" area on the membership form, for new or renewing members to indicate whether or not they'd like to be in the published directory.

There are also possibilities for an e-mail excel sheet, pdf, or spreadsheet.

12. New business for BoD action: Pagan participation in Birthmothers' Day. This is the Saturday before Mothers' Day, and honors women who have placed babies for adoption. Annual luncheons have occurred every year for seven years now. Normally this is church-sponsored, as Raya describes, and the speeches are "too Jesusy" even for some Christian birthmothers who attend. Raya has gotten positive responses from birthmothers would like to see it become more interfaith; she is trying to make it more interfaith, and will discuss the matter with the Tucson

Multifaith Alliance after their winter recess (which probably ends in late January, with the next Community Conversations). Could TAWN participate, maybe donate one of the numerous raffle items? It's an action item now for TAWN (and for SPIN; Don Davis says he can refer at least two Pagan birthmothers to Raya). Raya notes that some luncheons have become thinly-veiled anti-abortion events; she wants to put forth the message, "You don't have to be a Christian to be a birthmother!"

13. TAWN/Pagan Pride/Networked Organizations material reminder - and personal Introductions

Don says that SPIN will have a website, and activity every two weeks. He says that "As a *networking* organization, TAWN is valuable to the community."

Carol: "This organization [TAWN] is *vital* to this community. Personal affronts, intended or unintended, are damaging. Morgana isn't here [because of the Street Fair duties], but almost everyone who met her did so through TAWN.

Patrick says he has seen every Pagan organization in Arizona shattered by fighting, but not TAWN. Sage and MEM are TAWN offshoots. TAWN is a source of comfort, and must be kept going. He will donate 10% [of income] to TAWN.

Adam praises TAWN's resilience. He mentions the VA (presumably in relation to TAWN's services to it).

Heather says "Doesn't look like things have changed [for the better]," in contrast to a message she received, saying that things had changed.

Mark concurs, unhappily, that things have not changed.

Gannd notes that he has been active in TAWN since 1994. ADF was founded in 1999.

Other members simply introduce themselves.

Adjourned: 12:25 p.m.