



CAULDRONLUCK MINUTES 3/8/09

Call to Order: 11:03 a.m.

BOD present: Arlene Davis, Jim Roker ("Oak"), Raya Fand ("April"), David Foster ("Gannd"), and Raymond Offord

Board Reports:

Coordinator - Arlene -

Regarding Food Bank Collections: Daniel has lovely boxes for the canned food drive! Two are for food, one is for VA-items collection; Arlene is the collection person for the VA.

Oak has made a great price list sign and great other signs. (He got a new printer.) We have business cards to distribute as well. We're selling t-shirts and Pagan pride bracelets.

Due to Tapestry enduring a power surge, issues will be in the mail this week. Extra copies will also be for sale at Spring Fest. We still need volunteers for various positions at Spring Fest.

Treasurer's Report: as of today, our usable balance is \$2033.03. We're doing very well: SF has incurred less than half the expenses of FF, but has as many vendors. We won't make t-shirts or memorabilia, though. If we make money, we'll do SF again, but we don't want excess inventory.

Secretary: mail consists of MEM items, an inquiry about TAWN which is being responded to, and vendor packets. Things are looking good! This information will be given to the webmaster. Arlene notes, "If you see any mistakes on the website, tell Mike."

Results of the February Cauldronluck Discussion: Arlene calls the discussion "phenomenal." Announces that we will be using Survey Monkey for at least two surveys this month: 1) on volunteerism, and 2) what is wanted. If members have questions they would like included in the survey, please let Arlene know ASAP. Regarding the Discussion Results:

1) Some of the things people like about TAWN: inclusive, new faces, regular events.

2) Some of the things people want: Discussion time, forums and debates on social issues, more community involvement.

- 3) Interest in Alternative Medicine - Wellness and health discussions.
- 4) A section on the website for things people need or want to get rid of; a sort of Pagan free-cycle.
- 5) An elder contact list.
- 6) A Pagan clergy hospital contact list distributed to local hospitals.
- 7) A formal contact list of members.
- 8) A person who will call members if we don't see them in a while (wellness check-in).
- 9) Interest groups to meet after CL -- breakaway interest groups.
- 10) Elders: who they are and what they can offer TAWN/ what can TAWN offer them.
- 11) Pagan parents breakaway group.
- 12) A Pagan contact list for media and other groups (schools) to aid our children having issues with persecution in local schools.
- 13) A skills survey.
- 14) A centralized go-to person for the organization. For now, this is Arlene.

Scribe and Secretary -- get CL minutes to Webmaster/Tapestry/Forum as soon as they're corrected.

Open Rituals: Oak explains that, at SF, there will be a Native American blessing at 7:00 a.m., a Norse rite held by SSG at 8:00 a.m., a kids' rite at 10:30 a.m., and a closing ritual by Sage at 6:00 p.m. (or possibly 5:30).

Other rituals are scheduled as follows:

- 3 May - Beltane - held by the Board. We will have a TAWN Maypole and a stand. The rite will be held on the volleyball court at Fort Lowell Park, Ramada 7, at 5:30 (following a class at that same location at 3:00 p.m.).
- 21 June - Midsummer - Troth Norse Ritual - Dennis Ford contact
- 2 August - Lughnasad - Roman Ritual of Spes (Hope) with Jenni Hunt
- 19 September - Mabon - Fall Fest
- 25 October - Samhain (Raya & co; tentatively)
- 20 December- Yule - possibly at Water of Life Church with SSG, doing a Norse ritual?

Do we want a TAWN maypole in our storage unit? Yes. What will we hold it up with? If we're in the sandpit we can drive in an 18-inch aluminum tube. Gannid is responsible for the Maypole, and will look for umbrella tents for the hardware. 20-40 people will be accommodated by a rainbow of ribbons, for which we'll set aside a budget. Cheap ones are available at Wal-Mart.

Sweet Tomatoes Dates March 16 and April 20

Education: Adult/ Children-Arlene

Education location-Adult Ed. Classes will be held at the Himmel Park Library in the large meeting room, 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 covered through June; we'll decide about July next month. Maybe a forum on Pagan leadership? But we don't want too many forums, since that has failed in the past.

Practical Magic Series:

2 November - Chants and Music in Ritual -12
7 December - Crafts class -Gannd 11
4 January- Gathered Altars and Ritual with OAK
8 February- forum to follow CL. New Vision of TAWN - Where are we and where do we want to be in the future.
1 March-Rituals Styles and Forms-Gannd and Oak
5 April: Forum The Mythos of Belief-Different Pagan Points of view (sent our request for panel 3-4-09) We're getting good feedback for this Forum: Gardnerian and Sybilline set so far. We want eight views. Roman and Druid may do both! Also, some Ceremonial Magick? E.g. John or his associate? Also, we hope to have an eclectic Wiccan. John says to send info to the Forum master.
3 May- History of Beltane - no one has offered to do it; Board should. Raya offers to share "Die Erste Walpurgisnacht" by Felix Mendelssohn, with words by Goethe, as part of the history. Class at 3:00 p.m. in the Ramada in Ft. Lowell Park, where the ritual will take place at 5:00 (to avoid the worst heat).
7 June- Paganism and Bio ethics-Raya
5 July- Leadership in the Pagan Community-
2 August-
6 September- Trance with Nan
4 October- Possibly a New Board Forum? What do new officers want to do for a year?
1 November - a talk on the afterlife? (Raya's suggestion). A couple of speakers? A forum?
6 December-

Jeannie has Curriculum, for elementary set for this year. We need to publicize the themes for each month ahead of time. Jeannie currently (at this CL) has a project going on to prepare for the kids' rite at SF. Give nice feedback!

Kim suggests parents' kid watch, maybe in kids' corner. Raya suggests a tape recorder; Raymond suggests videotaping for local media.

Spring Fest Status Report: We get the keys on Friday night at 5-5:30 p.m., return them late Saturday night. SCA starts at 10:00 a.m. Saturday. (Gannd is a laurel.) A few people will be spending the night in the church. If you want to spend the night, set up a camp or bring sleeping bags.

We'll need people "running errands" for vendors, answering questions for people.

A party will be held around 6-7 Friday night.

We need people for setup, cleanup.

We want to fill the Food Bank truck! It might give us media publicity. We spent \$465 for Tucson Weekly ads, on back.

We have radio and TV announcements! There will be 6-7 info booths, and Pagan-friendly businesses.

All the TAWN stuff will be in one area. 1-2 belly dancers from the group may attract cars!

If it's a slow news day, we may get a camera or radio crew. Four definite psychics. 1-2 massagers.

For the raffle: rune staves (valued at \$75-\$165). All this is legal for a 501-C3 organization.

We have two confirmed food vendors: hot dogs and the Black Rose.

TAWN Memberships are pro-rated; \$6 at SF. Sweet Tomatoes fliers will be available.

Fall Fest Status Report: we're just turning our minds to that. We'll have an interest sheet for vendors; we're leaning toward the UU church again.

MEM had a disappointing turnout, but a great concert. Carol Garr is Prison Volunteer of the Year! We need more volunteers, more support for MEM.

Tapestry Deadline: May 1. Any articles or kids' coloring sheets should be sent to Tapestry. Or to Arlene, if necessary.

Any New Business: Carol Garr wants no smoking at Cauldronluck; Raya seconds it.

Raymond calls for people to "pass around donation baskets."

Adjourned: 11:49a.m.