

Nov. Cauldronluck Minutes
11-8-09

Call to order: 11:06 a.m.

BOD Present: Arlene Davis, Raya Fand ("April"), (David Foster, aka "Gannd" is on excused absence), Raymond Offord, Caprice Simms, Sue Sorensen, Jacosa Lynn

People Present: 17 including the BoD

Coordinator- Arlene Davis -

1. It has been proposed that Jeanie will return as Moon School Teacher, resuming Moon School in December. The BoD has yet to vote on this action item.

In the meantime, we are looking for people who would be willing to form two committees: one for Curriculum, to work with Arlene; the second to form a parent and teacher guideline, to work with Jeanie. The BoD has agreed that we would like to see such a guideline written, and that Jeanie will write it, whether or not we vote for her acceptance as the MS teacher. See Arlene after the meeting if you are interested in either of these committees.

2. Patrick -Special thanks to Patrick for coming to the BOD Meeting this week and discussing finances and how to record them. And for taking the Board photograph.

3. **Adult Education** - Arlene. Gives a brief overview of Tish's talk this afternoon: what people would like to do or learn about Samhain. Classes will be held at the Himmel Park Library in the large meeting room, the first Sunday of the Month at 2PM (unless otherwise indicated). The room is reserved from 2-5 and can be reserved from 1-5 if necessary.

We are reserved through December.

Practical Magic Series 2009

1 March-Rituals Styles and Forms-Gannd and Oak - 4

5 April - Forum The Mythos of Belief-Different Pagan Points of view-**20**

3 May- History of Beltane @ Ft. Lowell Park 2 PM Ramada #7

7 June- Paganism and Bio ethics-Raya-3

5 July- Leadership in the Pagan Community-Carol Garr-5

2 August- 'The Dying Goddess'-Raya-2

6 September- Trance with Nan-8

4 October- Meet the New BOD Forum on New Directions and Ideas for the Coming Year

8 November -The Afterlife or The Wonderful World of Death-Tish.

Date and venue change. There were four attendees (including Tish herself).

6 December-Pagan Carols a Sing a Long- Arlene. Bring your favorite songs for Yule.

3 January- ? No January class.

4. **Open Rituals** - Raymond. Yule will be at Himmel Park (as advertised); we will switch to La Madera after New Year's. The ramada is open until 10:00 p.m. each day. Do we want to reserve the Ramada for a year's sabbats? That would only be five sabbats, since Spring Fest and Fall Fest have their rituals at their designated places, and we want Ft. Lowell Park's riparian area for Beltane.

Possibilities: reserve for the year, reserve three months at a time, reserve month to month and hope for luck. (Raya recommended three months at a time, at the previous BoD meeting.)

Discussion follows about options in this area. Carol says that, if the ramada turns out to be booked for one of our sabbats, we could move into another area of the park. Patrick says we'd know far enough in advance to tell attendees to bring chairs.

We decide to table it and revisit it next month.

We decide tentatively on March 27th for Spring Fest; Gannd will call the UU church.

Parties to approach for leading rituals: SSG, Silver Midnight, Adventure Wicca, Desert Henge, Sybillines, OTO, Troth, and Solitaries.

The Board will take Beltane, however, since we have the Maypole. Beltane will be May 2, and Arlene would like Ft. Lowell Park.

5. **Open Ritual Schedule: covered for the year up to Yule 2009.**

26 Sept. - Mabon- (Fall Fest) 6PM Troth ritual -No number of attendees noted.

25 Oct. - Samhain - April and Oak - 4:30 p.m. arrive Hippie Hill; 12-14 attendees

20 Dec. - Yule-Cybele Winter Solstice Ritual - publicity needed

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Jan 31 Imbolg

Mar 27 Ostara Spring Fest

May 2 Beltane - the TAWN BoD - Ft. Lowell Park, Ramada 7

June 20 Midsummer

August 1 Lughnassadh

Sept 25 Mabon Fall Fest

Oct 31 Samhain

Dec 19 Yule

We have tentatively chosen March 27 as the Spring Fest date because the previous weekend would create conflicts with the Fourth Avenue Street Fair, as well as with the private sabbats of covens and groves. The preceding weekend, of March 14, will probably conflict with the St. Patrick's Day festivities (although the date for that has not yet been published).

Sage would like to do FF on September 25.

Daniel and April volunteer for evening SF ritual; they will need additional volunteers.

Raymond will ask Gannd to do Lughnasa, since that's "his thing."

6. **Fund Raising** - Raymond went to Applebee's; they didn't have the forms. Blackjack doesn't do fund-raising. Caprice hasn't asked at Chuck-e-Cheese yet. Caprice is also checking with Peter Piper Pizza.

Caprice explains that TAWN is building up an endowment. She is also doing fund-raising in the community. She has sample letters to solicit funds and thank donors.

We are preparing an Arizona URS form. Every year we renew in September. If we use a professional grant writer, they must be licensed and bonded. That way, we could recoup money if a grant doesn't come through. If members have other ideas for grants and fund raising, see Caprice or Raymond.

We've gotten a couple of checks through United Way. Peggie expresses concern about the efficiency and honesty of United Way; Arlene says its problems have been corrected.

Raytheon has a "matching fund program," where they will donate to a nonprofit organization the amount an employee donates. This is tax deductible. For any company with such a matching fund program - if any member works for one -- the recipient (in this case TAWN) and the amount donated must be stated.

7. **Vice Coordinator Report**-Caprice Simms. We have five fat books to go through, regarding grants and endowments. We do have some flexibility on our Mission Statement. We are looking at grants for later in the year (i.e. the year from FF to FF).

8. **Web news** - Liason with the Web master Michael Reynolds - Jacosa. The site is up to date. In emergencies, send material to Mike directly, but cc Jacosa. Raya will look into the missing CL minutes on the website. A suggestion for Jacosa and Mike: move the Sweet Tomatoes flier link to the side of the screen rather than the bottom. On the side it's easier to see.

9. **Ramada Clean up** - Jacosa. Tucson Clean and Beautiful's notebook is not in sync with Jacosa's software. She needs the paperwork. Today there was graffiti on tables and in bathrooms (the men's room was especially bad). Evidently the ramada has been painted with the cheapest paint, and it has been damaged by skate boarders. Important note: cleanup takes place on the fourth Sunday of the month as well as the second. See John and Jacosa for details and signup.

10. **Forum** - Raymond will work with J about the Forum, and making sure its registration is with TAWN, not with J as an individual. We will need a "nom de plume" for TAWN. J has ownership rights and so will others on the Board.

11. **Green Collections** - Sue. Donated to three places, including a total of five bags of clothes for "Coming Home," a place for homeless veterans. Coming Home also needs sheets, towels, pillow cases, and other such items. 288 pounds of food was donated so far to the Food Bank, including 70 from cauldronlucks, and the rest mostly (or entirely) from FF. Sue agrees to put something about these donations on the website, which currently says nothing about them. Sue will announce the amount of food donated, using a spreadsheet. We need to get the info to Tish for advertising.

12. **Treasurer's Report** - none. Gannd is away, and did not have a chance to e-mail a report to the Board before his departure.

13. **Certificates for Nov.** - Phyllis is retiring as a Forum moderator after years of service; she is our Person of the Month. Members are urged to tell the Board whom to recognize, and why.

14. **Recycling news update** - Daniel and Gannd. We are 6-8 months away from another Master Recycling class. Tours are being offered of a new recycling facility. Daniel Tree update - we have been discussing different types of trees. We can donate one to the park if there's room, and there

is. We can also look at someone's property and offer them a tree (and reduce their cooling costs). Tree-planting need not be confined to Pagans.

15. **Fall Festival Report.** - Raymond and Gannd. We're finishing the reports. They are taking longer than usual because of refunds owed by the UU church and the t-shirt manufacturers. Raymond estimates this will be resolved by next month. Gannd is working on audit. This week, Raymond will ask the UU church about FF date, and start on SF.

16. **Secretary** -Raymond Offord. Some interesting mail, mostly for the BoD, including MEM materials for the BoD to read. Arlene suggests sharing it with Carol.

17. Tapestry cover contest and FF Art work - for next FF art is covered: it will be done by Patricia by January. Tapestry covers need art; the \$25 Spirit's Child gift certificate is offered for the artist who submits the winning work. It must be scanned and submitted to Patricia. It doesn't have to be for the next issue, but it must be black and white. The prize will only be for one issue's artwork.

Old Business:

Tapestry deadline was November 1; get last minute stuff in asap
-Plug tee shirts, bracelets, business cards
Plug new Pagan Shops: new ones are coming up. We need their permission to put their information and links on our site. Tell Raya about any new or old shops, and she will contact them for permission to include their info and link on our site.

- Ramada Schedule

Clean up ramada 10:30 before meeting
Clean up post mtg. Note again: the issue of reserving the ramada for sabbats has been tabled, to be voted on at next CL.

Theme for next year- "TAWN: Weaving the web since 1987."

BOD MEETING TO COME:

(Note: Gannd will be on excused absence)
December Meeting: Day: Friday / Date: Dec. 4 / Time: **6 PM** (note deviation from usual time) Location: **IKE'S**

Adjourned 11:58 a.m.

Introductions and Potluck