

Mystic Grove Meeting

12:07pm

Attending

Jim D, Arlene D, Lesley H, Toni D, Chip D, Barbara H, Stacey ?, Mary M, Julia B, Cat R, with surprise visitor Peter H.

Opening

Opening words supplied by Michael

Chalice Lighting

UU World Announcements

Julia B will be attending Women's Retreat with Cat R and Christi B

Review of Wheel of the Year Service at UUU

Group suggests live Mystic Grove cantors for music or possibly louder per recorded music since it was hard to hear.

Positive feedback from group regarding organization, leadership, and last minute substitutions.

Congregation could benefit from better instruction on where the ancestors should be placed – perhaps put directions in the OOS.

Overall group willing to do the Pagan Wheel of the Year Semon for 1U.

Concern expressed for when so that it does not overlay/replace other Sanctuary based rituals (Solstice, etc.) Cat will follow up with minister/worship team.

Samhain Ritual

Suggestions that parents bringing children should be present in the same room as their children when there is a separate children's play area. Possibly put in the OOS. (Cat will provide OOS template.)

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Concerns with over crowding during labyrinth walk. Suggestion to only walk the labyrinth forwards and then out as opposed to forward and then backwards. Additional suggestion of having walker representatives as opposed to everyone walking or reinforcing spacing by using knotted rope or colored ribbon. Singing or chanting would also provide spacing/timing hints.

Suggest providing template on the back page of the order of service mapping out the pot luck layout.

Concerns were expressed that the invocations/words were overbalanced on the Goddess side. Possibly posting the text online for review a week prior to ritual would be helpful.

Yule

Cat R will be leading with the Story of the Celts as the “words for all ages.” Julia B will be the maiden. Stacey possible for mother. Prior volunteers will be contacted regarding availability to repeat their role (candles, etc.).

Group open to non-meeting Sundays for rehearsals prior to the Yule service.

Cat R will follow up on solution to where overnight bonfire will be based what will be present in the court yard at the time (playground, etc.).

Most of the group expressed preferences to have the bonfire/overnight in the courtyard per availability.

Chip D and Toni D will be available for the service and possible role reprisals.

Imbolc

Julia B and Cat R will host a teenager friendly coming of age ritual based on the Percy Jackson book series (Greek/Roman).

Ostara

Barbara H volunteered to lead Ostara in 2019.

Other Misc Rituals

Question posed to the group for any further coming of age/transition base rituals for other members. Lesley H may have croning later in the year (also possible Toni D, Arlene D).

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Question posed as to criteria for a crone/sage. Such criteria is path and person dependent.

No replies from those requesting a hand fasting.

Home blessing ritual will be going forward. Ritual is a current work in progress.

Group will discuss suggested donation amounts for services provided by the group (hand fasting, home blessings, etc.). Information will be provided on group's digital areas.

Governance

Officers met to begin reviewing the bylaws.

Mystic Grove funds over the course of the past month were reviewed and disclosed to the group.

Question proposed for the group to buy their own wagon instead of borrowing Lesley's. Group voted for Lesley H to buy a \$50 ish blue wagon and be reimbursed from the line.

Education

Largely unchanged from the plan last month, chugging along.

Get your "Pagan Voices" book if you need one.

Fellowship Activities

Craft Circle.

On track. Spring Crafts lined up. Nov 16 we have Fluid Art Painting with guest teacher Melissa B. \$20 for two paintings.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/439263539907000/>

Movie Nite.

Nov 18th: Mary will be door person for November Movie Nite. The movie will be "Hocus Pocus." Mary will coordinate with Stacey for a physical copy of the movie. Cat will make the FB event page.

Socializing / Field Trips/ Room Cleaning

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Nov 11th: Our 17th Bday coffee hour. Bring yummys and wear your shirt.
Barbara is captain.

Nov 17th: Classroom cleanup - meet at 2pm – 4 pm for quick room
tidy/pressure washing sidewalk/sweeping the eaves.

Nov 17th: Lesley H will lead for Willow Tree Annual Dinner coordination.

Nov 25: Guang Ming Temple Field Trip.

Dec 14th: Yule Prep and Singing at Black Cat. Lesley H will look into getting a
Yule log from B.J.s similar to last year. Mary will be the co-leader on pagan
choir if Cat gets sick. <https://mysticgrovecfl.wordpress.com/2018/10/10/pop-up-pagan-choir-for-dec-black-cat/>

Digital Health

All continues well.

Carie is now the eblast reporter. Cat will cover if she gets sick.

Group decides they want to just be emailed the directions and will start making
their move to groups. To get familiar with the space. We will move all business
over there after Jan 2019 meeting. Yahoo! Group will stay open, but we're
taking the plunge.

Announcements

Nov 22 Thanksgiving: Chip D and Toni D invited any Mystic Grove members
who wants to attend Thanksgiving at their home to bring side dishes and toys
for a 2 PM kick off.

Nov 24: Morning. Come help long term MG member Peter H. pack the U-Haul
as he moves states. We bid him farewell.

Nov 24: Thanksgiving Leftovers Lunch. Cat and Paul host MG for thanksgiving
leftovers party and games.

Meeting ends 1:30pm.

In general everyone got a chance to speak up and was heard.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul B.

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