

Mystic Grove Meeting

12:00 PM

Attending: Julia B, Paul B, Stacie C, Tom C, Chip D, Toni D, Sarah G, Barbara H, Lesley H, Carie M, Mary M, Cat R

Guests: Josylin, Jennifer, and one other guest

Absent: Michael C, Arlene D, Jim D, Heather N

Communication/Chair Notes/Support

Question regarding if we are using groups.io or Yahoo. Migration of existing documents/photos will commence.

With MG's approval, Cat (as chair in spring term) would like to pay attention to organizing the Mabon Retreat ideas and getting that plan together and work on community relationships.

There is a CUUPS Continental computer meeting in January for curriculum development. Several interested. (Cat R, Sarah G, Chip D).

Leadership tools class by Peter Bowden. Several interested in computer meeting: Julia B, Mary M, Cat R.

Governance

Officers check in after working through fall term and present their suggestion for by-laws/missions updates. Also present the CUUPS covenant document. Drafts are posted to groups.io and will go over personal email also. Please digest over the next month and bring your suggestions in Feb. If the group accepts this plan of attack, that's what we'll use to clean up the rest of the docs over the next few years.

Finances

Funds spent on staff holiday gifts.

No questions from the group.

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Donation basket for ritual donations was approved along with percentage for 1U. Julia B volunteered to decorate it with groups review. Lesley may have one we can use.

Yule Feedback

Overall ritual flow was smooth (Carrie M)

Good feedback with regards to pre-planning and coordination with other groups (Folk Ensemble, Welkin, etc.).

Half the provided wood left over for next year.

Some people were “weird” this year (Sarah G). Some visitors had a different “vibe” and didn’t know how to behave (Mary M).

Roberta’ (UUUS guest) story was well received.

Good feedback from non-Mystic Grove members of 1U.

Having a plan is good provided that it can flex based on the needs and desires of those present. (Chip D).

Food worked out well the way it was setup and room layout (Lesley H).

Down to about six people in the morning and one group of sleeping campers who slept through morning ritual.

Concerns with improving communication for delegation of tasks. Members performed the work they had signed up for only to find that someone else already did the task (Toni D). Group consensus on having a just-in-case bucket of backup supplies and drop-dead date to check in with volunteers. Prior craft circle has functioned as an unofficial dress rehearsal and setup. We could plan for dress rehearsals on the more complex ones better.

Upcoming Solar Rituals

Imbolc – Sat Feb 2	Julia with help from Cat. Percy Jackson “camp halfblood” theme coming of age ritual. Need to meet with Mary, Christi, Lesley, Sarah.
Ostara – Sat Mar 16	Barbara leading.

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Beltane – Sat May 4	Cat will invite a guest ritual leader. If not, we'll do a canned.
Litha -- Sun June 23	Mary and Carie leading. This is from the pulpit on Sunday morning.

Lunar Rituals

December Moon Circle went well (Sarah G)

New teachers will be Michael and Christi for the first block. It will chakra themed. Registration is now open. Please email mysticgrove@orlandouu.org to get your name on the list. Details at <https://mysticgrovecfl.wordpress.com/worship/lunar-rituals/>

Education

Wheel of Year class started. (led by Cat R) Next month is testing Yule activities and getting lesson plan format settled.

Ritual Book (led by update from Mary M) Form is created for ritual descriptions, cover sheets, and categorization. It will be posted to groups.io as a PDF with live fields and a Word doc. Will be used as a trial basis for upcoming rituals.

Date will be set to work on “Memory Book”.

Book Group: Pagan Voices on 3rd Sundays. Will start Jan 20. We have some interested lead hosts. Those wanting to co-host please let us know.

Fellowship

Discussion of upcoming crafting activities (ritual rune rocks, magic hair yarn, paper crafts). Door persons needed.

Movie Night will be suspended for the spring term. Group approval for after church” Popcorn-Theology for All Ages” sessions will be tested in summer. Sample lessons will be posted.

<https://www.shancarpublishations.com/popcorn-theology/>

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Group enjoyed participation in December Black Cat with Pop-up Pagan Choir.

Group is still interested in a visit to Cassadaga. No leader yet.

Super Blood Moon January 20th. Eclipse starts at 11PM. No desire for it to be an "official" Mystic Gove event. Chip/Toni D have offered to host.

Digital Health and Other Activities

Lesley H will manage new groups.io calendar and coordinate with church office.

Upcoming service auction. Group interested in providing a service (home blessing, card reading, etc.) to the auction.

Community Announcements

Building use documentation (procedures, rules, prices, etc.) is being reviewed following campus remodel (Mary M).

Youth Group is having a zombie prom for Valentine's Day. Looking for donations for prizes, decorations, supplies, etc. (Stacie C.)

Scottish Highlands Games are upcoming. (Lesley H)

Tom C has a photo show/concert in Gore hall on February 1st. Wheel of the year was rescheduled to accommodate.

Brooksville Native American Festival (Sarah G).

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