

Mystic Grove Meeting

Attending: Barbara H, Cat R, Michael C, Lesley H, Chip D, Toni D, Mary M, Julia B, Paul B. Guests Leon, Tina.

Start: 12:03 PM with Check Ins and Chalice Lighting

1U ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb 10th Cat R (Chair) and Mary M (IPP) will attend the meeting for Chairs with the Board of Trustees regarding church direction and minister transition. BOT is seeking feedback from all the groups.

WORSHIP

Imbolc, Feb 2

Ritual was well received. Attendance roughly around 14 people. A number of non-punctual attendees suddenly arriving disturbed worship flow a bit.

Concern was expressed about finding the right balance between being welcoming to new people who don't know our culture, honoring worship as sacred time and space, and honoring safety of the worshippers.

Various suggestions made during discussion. Group decides to try out this plan at Ostara:

6:15 PM. All doors open for "Meet and Greet" with Chip and Toni in Classroom B where guests can learn about UU Paganism, 1U, and Mystic Grove. Guests who prefer to volunteer with set up can do so.

7 PM. Main Hall is open for ritual. Cat and Paul will be the ushers and close up Foyer doors and hang sign. Late comers to worship can go around to enter from the courtyard side. This reduces how many doors are open during ritual so "guest traffic" can be better directed and not disturb the worship hour. Safety -- Not a problem if there's a fire. All doors can push out any time. We are just reducing how many can come IN during the worship hour.

Sunday, February 3, 2019

8 PM. All doors open again for whoever wants to come to the potluck.

Ostara, Mar 9

Date set to March 9th. Lesley H will confirm with Amy.

Corner callers and cakes and ale people needed. Barbara will post to groups.io.

Beltane, May 4

Blackthorn Coven (Vollandra) is on board and happy to present guest ritual for Beltane.

Litha, June 23

Mary M and Carrie M leading ritual. Theme will be exploring “personal power” and “power in ritual.”

Lesley H, Barbara H, Julia B interested in providing support.

Julia B will investigate songs for Mary M’s “brainstorm meeting”.

Lammas, Aug 3

Lesley H will lead.

Lunar Ritual, Jan 25

Beginner hiccups for the new teachers but overall ritual went nicely.

Attendance is light (4/10) for in person, and high (21/20) for FB group. In person class needs more promotion help. Lesley H already sorting the room reservations with front office. Cat R is working on spring brochure. Will xerox for Gore Hall and local community (Gypsy, Leaves & Roots, etc.).

EDUCATION

Wheel of Year. Cat would like one more session, then pause to see if we merge the effort with the CUUPs “wheel of year” effort. The CUUPs curriculum team meeting is Feb 13. Cat will attend.

Ritual Book - Form is present. Next iteration form will be applied/tested. Previous rituals are still needed.

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Pagan Voices – 11? attending. Two books sold. Cat R will swap with Michael C for hosting the February session.

Popcorn Theology. Group Approves to spend \$70 to buy the digital version of this curriculum for \$70. 6 sessions will be offered on 2nd and 4th Sundays in Summer Term.

FELLOWSHIP

Last Craft Circle (Rock Runes - Heather N) - Well received. Was relaxing.

Upcoming (Magic Yarn Hats - Carter) - Cat R will be door person. Lesley H will be back up door.

Upcoming (Spring Cleaning - Julia B) - Sewing machines needed.

Upcoming (Stationary and Journal Buffet - Youth) - Door person needed.

Upcoming (Paper Flowers - ???) – Host?

Upcoming (Dragon Eggs - Julia B) - ?

FIELD TRIP

Group wants to go to Cassadaga. Interest expressed for staying at hotel on site. Cat R will investigate to see about getting group rates. Timeframe May/June to celebrate the end of the church program year but before we get busy with Summer Solstice June 23.

VOLUNTEERING

Person still needed to for UUUS Newsletter Job. Email skills using the template. About 20 min once a month.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mystic Grove will provide “Home Blessing/etc.” for upcoming 1U Service Auction. Mary M will provide description. Possible humorous “disclaimer” suggested by Chip D.

MG GOVERNANCE/ FINANCE

Lesley bought the wagon for the mini bookstore.

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CUUPS Covenant Brief read out loud by Lesley H. Group consensus to send CUUPS covenant brief page now. Cat R will email it to CUUPS Continental and bridging minister Rev. Janet.

Cat R. explains the "5 year Element" plan to bring a focus to the annual charters and organize document review into doable portions.

Group approval for putting proposed updated missions on upcoming spring brochure.

Members will finish read the "Nobl" officer report and be prepared to formally vote on adopting the updated missions into the bylaws at the March meeting.

Ended: 1:04 PM. 8 go to lunch at the new Longhorn.

Respectfully submitted, Paul B. (Secty/Treas)