

## Cauldronluck Minutes October 2009

### Sunday, October 11, 2009

Call to order: 11: 05 a.m.

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

People present: 11-12 (in addition to BoD), including three or four first timers.

Board reports:

**Has anybody checked the mailbox yet this week?** No; Arlene got there too late it was closed.

**Coordinator- Arlene Davis -**

Jobs -

Raya -Scribe and Phone Line

David -Treasurer

Raymond - Secretary

Adult Education - Arlene

Children's Education -- Arlene

Open Rituals -- Raymond

Ramada Clean up -- Jacosa

Fund Raising - Raymond will ask someone (unnamed as of now) to do fund raising.

Caprice will study grants and endowments with an eye towards covering FF expenses in this way.

Web news - Liason with the Web master Michael Reynolds - Jacosa

Forum- Raymond will work with the current owner about the Forum, and making sure its registration is with TAWN, not with the current owner as an individual. Raymond will help the three moderators keep it updated.

If you see something about the website that needs correcting, tell Jacosa, not Mike.

**Green Collections-Sue**

Veterans

Primavera

Food Bank - We need to contact them about poundage from FF. Sue will do that. Oak and Raymond will give her the contact number.

Volunteer Appreciation for October:

-Patrick - for drinks and recycling bins

-Diana - for eight years of donating stuffed animals for the festival Dragon Quests

Tree update - D says, "I have a couple of applications from Tucson Clean & Beautiful's website for trees. Shade trees are for homes. Trees can be donated for small cost to properties and median areas. Nonprofit organizations might get them for free. Up to four shade trees [per area? Notes not clear on this], and there are no worries about underground pipes. The trees are brought to you."

TAWN's BoD has decided to donate a tree (if the cost is under \$10) for La Madera Park, with a plaque indicating that TAWN donated it.

### **Fund raising**

-Sweet Tomatoes October 19; this is doing fine.

-Flyers for Sweet Tomatoes is on the website; bring some to CL.  
-Panda Express: Drop  
-Other fund raising ideas are being checked out. If you have an idea see a BOD member.

**Treasurers Report**-David ("Gannd"). Balance is \$1,005.00 (approximately). Bad news: FF was almost a "zero cost event." That means we'll have to go into our seed money. We spent a couple hundred for advertising, roughly \$350 for bringing in a speaker. Spring Fest *must* be profitable. We are down to 27 members, from 54.  
Arlene notes that people can make "specific, marked donations" to specific TAWN needs.  
Gannd also notes: "This year, very little mailed stuff got returned."  
Arlene says that once the new system of voting and membership renewal by mail "gets going and established, it will work out." But it must be known.

**Secretary** -Raymond Offord.  
Send current contact info to Arlene. She's putting together a contact list.  
We're having some correspondence with a prison ministry chaplain.

Vice Coordinator Report-Caprice Simms: she is taking classes at the library about grants.

**Open Ritual Schedule dates for coming year, covered up to Yule 2009:**

**26 July - Lughnassadh- Roman Ritual of Neptune and Ferulla; 6 PM-5-8 attendees**

26 Sept. - Mabon- (Fall Fest) 6PM (changed to 5:30) Troth ritual - 30-50 in evening ritual (also see "rituals" under FF report)  
25 Oct. - Samhain - Raya and Co. arrival time 4:30 p.m., Himmel Park, Hippie Hill  
20 Dec. - Yule-Cybele Winter Solstice Ritual

**2010**

Jan 31 Imbolg - volunteers are called for; as yet no volunteer.  
Mar 21 Ostara Spring Fest  
May 2 Beltane  
June 20 Midsummer  
August 1 Lughnassadh  
Sept 25 Mabon Fall Fest  
Oct 31 Samhain  
Dec 19 Yule

**5. Education: Adult/Children-Arlene -**

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 reserved through December.

**Practical Magic Series: Weaving the Web**

**2009-2010**

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-9

1 November -The Afterlife or The Wonderful World of Death-Tish Haymer

6 December-Pagan Carols a Sing a Long- Arlene

No class in January

### **2010**

7 Feb - class as yet undecided

7 March

4 April

2 May

6 June

11 July (Moved Due to 4th of July)

1 Aug

5 Sept

3 Oct

7 Nov

5 Dec

### **Old Business:**

Tapestry deadline is November 1. Faerie Moon is soliciting for cover art. A \$25 Spirit's Child gift certificate is offered for best cover art.

-Plug tee shirts, bracelets, business cards. T's, bracelets, and old Tapestry issues are in the same box.

Plug new Pagan Shops.

### **Ramada Schedule**

Clean up ramada 10:30 before meeting.

Raymond has water keys; Arlene has hoses.

Raymond asks about possibility of changing meeting times during summer? Evening meetings? As yet, no definite answer recorded.

We'll be reporting to Parks & Rec about cleanup matters.

### **Fall Festival Report & Evaluation**

#### **Feed Back -**

Sue: "Plus."

Gannd: "Plus."

Raymond: "plus," noting 30 vendors (more than usual) and a great deal (possibly more than usual) walk-through traffic. The PA system failed, and misunderstandings with the church cost \$200 in revenue for TAWN; but nonetheless the volunteers were not overworked, which is one of the better points. In the future, the meeting area should probably be in Holland Hall (we thought it would be noisier, but it's quieter than Goddard). Should we set aside a \$20-\$40 haulage fund? No definite answer is noted, but it would save the problems associated with using people's dinged vehicles, and incidents like the damage to Gannd's printer.

Michael: "Great. Best in 10 years."

April: very good, but we must get better vegan buns for the veggie burgers, and cook the burgers better. The insides of the burgers might have been slightly frozen (or barely thawed), and the buns fell apart. (Michael notes that the veggie burgers were "new" - a new brand, that is - and unfamiliar. Michael and Raymond recognize the importance of advertising vegan food and emphasizing its separateness from the meat.)

Jacosa: "a B, enjoyable." Only complaint: people wanted to play with the kittens she brought.

Carol: changes in the schedule made her miss the ritual in the

evening. (It was scheduled to start at 6:00, and then changed to 5:30. April agrees; she herself heard about the change by good luck.) Carol says there shouldn't be changes in ritual time, especially since some people arrive *only* for the ritual. We also need audible announcements. (Raymond notes that "we had a sound system but no mic.") Carol also didn't like the handling of the raffles, of having to pay at a certain time. Advice: let people buy a ticket any time for the raffle they want to enter.

Patrick: "pluses and negatives." The location is a plus, especially since there were more vendors inside than out. A question arises about publicity: three people at the Tucson Meet Yourself asked Patrick why TAWN "had no Fall Fest this year." Considering all the venues of advertising, we lean toward concluding that these individuals weren't looking hard enough.

New Attendee: "there was no link to FF on the website in the months of April, May, or June." The website "has problems." Jacosa suggests a phone tree; no discussion or agreement noted.

Rena: "Loved it. Glad I helped. Shopped."

Elena: "The ritual wasn't what I was expecting." She expected an Egyptian rite.

John: liked the park and grass better in some ways, but loved the friendly people and vendors. He suggests an earlier morning ritual, before the vendors set up.

S (a New Attendee): "This is my first FF, liked the venue and vendors; would have liked more and shorter workshops." Arlene explains the problem with overlapping workshops, wherein people want to attend conflicting ones.

R (a New Attendee): Also first FF; liked the mix of different things for sale.

M (a New Attendee): Also first FF; comes from Ft. Lauderdale where big Pagan festivals occur; she liked the shops here. These three newcomers, S, R, and M, found out about FF and TAWN from TAWN's website.

Other Comments: Patrick loved the food at FF, and suggests more signage about it.

Patrick is also fond of multiple raffles, but agrees with Carol it wasn't handled well. And Michael had no idea what was going on with raffles. *Color-coded tickets are the way to go.*

Arlene can now provide a full sound system. Raymond also notes that Holland Hall has a PA system. Elena offers wireless mics and speakers; this would require a stereo amplifier, which may be obtainable. Peggie offers her voice in case the PA system fails. In response to John's liking of the park and grass, we discuss possibilities of having rituals in the open areas nearest the church. Raymond notes that there is open space, but it's "a bit of a trek" away. Going in the other direction brings us to "homeless village."

Sue's kids loved the kids' activities. Arlene notes that most kids finished the Quest and got prizes. The young ones have their own community spirit.

### **Financial:**

Silent Auction -- \$115

Raffles -- \$230 from hourly raffles.

Bracelets - three sold.

We lost money on the rune basket. We won't invest in such things again.

Volunteers - reasonably good turnout, but we always need more. Hopefully experienced volunteers will return. Help is also needed with logistics.

Workshops - (see above for feedback on that)

Rituals - 20-30 in morning, 30-50 in evening (also noted under "open ritual schedule"), 10 in children's ritual.

Children's Activity - (see above)

Food - people liked it. (See above for more details)

Vendors - made good money.

Clean up and Set up - nothing further noted (see above for details).

**Theme for next year-** Fall Fest 23 "TAWN: Weaving the web since 1987."

SF and FF coordinators are once again Raymond and Gannd.

Fall Fest Business meeting worked without a shut down of Vendors.

We will use a small PA next year.

Any New Business:

Raymond and Gannd urge us to contact members who didn't renew.

See if they got membership forms. We're down to 27 members.

**Ask Membership:** *do we want to vote this way (i.e by mail)?* It might be responsible for the drop in membership. As of now, no definite decisions noted.

Next BOD MEETING:

**November Meeting:** Day: Thursday / Date: November 5 / Time: **7 PM**

/ Location: **IKE'S**

Adjourned: 12:14

Introductions and Cauldronluck Networking

Raya ("April") notes the importance of TAWN's participation in interfaith organizations, particularly the Tucson Multifaith Alliance, which holds monthly Community Conversations.