

COVEN MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 20, 2022

20th Anniversary

We have the theme, staying with the Roaring 20's. John is following up on food preps and the big band music. Considering the possibility of a DJ as a backup plan

Deb has ordered the stickers/labels to go on the invitations we had printed in 2020 with the updated information.

Imbolc

Imbolc was well attended. Thank you, Tina, for hosting at your house. Thank you, Austin and Margret, for acting as HP and HPS. It was much appreciated. The whole thing was very enjoyable and magical.

Paganicon

This is the first year that we will not be doing a ritual at Paganicon, and that feels rather strange. But we are concentrating on our room this year and trying to have the best room we can. Deb will be setting up Eventbrite information for Coven Members regarding Paganicon attendance and accommodations, etc. Reminder that at Paganicon they are requiring a negative test 72 hours or less prior to the start of the event, they will not be accepting home test results. Full information is available on their website.

The Standing Stones Hospitality suite: this is used as a fundraiser and a way to get our name out there in a positive manner. We also want to make sure we get our new banner put out in some way. The committee currently consists of John, Deb, and Tina. Previous reservations are being honored for this year. Their organizational integrity is much appreciated. If you can't or won't be attending, there will be other ways for people to contribute to our room. Tentatively our planning meeting is for after the dedicants draw on Feb. 26 (Saturday) or on Sunday at John's in Grantsburg.

We will have a silent auction at Paganicon. Please be mindful of things that you may be able to contribute to this auction. Funds will be used to supplement the tip jar and help recover some of the costs associated with our hospitality suite.

There will be a post Paganicon get together. Date TBD but would like it to be no later than Ostara. Possibility of meeting at Camp Salle when we gather for Ostara.

Ostara

Don has a nice ritual planned. We would like to promote it at Paganicon. Don is suggesting a potluck for this gathering. We will pick parts as we plan. Planning on opening at 11, lunch at 2:00 and ritual at 5:00pm. Austin will check with Camp Salle to make sure this is doable. Reminder that we have Camp Sallie for the day but there will be no overnight.

In future, we would like to keep things as local as possible so that it's easier for people to get back together. We would like to be able to open up events to others again, so we are looking at other alternative sites in case Michael Servetus is still not open.

If we do a potluck for Ostara, we must have confirmations of attendance and what people are bringing. Suggested that we use Eventbrite as it's free for us since we don't charge an entry fee. Please make sure you respond.

Beltane:

Beltane will be at Camp Salle. We will get a head count and finalize plans late March. Dedicants will be invited.

Groups/Classes:

Seekers has been very successful. We had 4 students yesterday. The average appears to be 4-7 students each week (including both in person and online).

Sagewomen had a great meeting yesterday. They talked about gardening and herbs and made stone soup and it turned out marvelous. We are planning some day trips, such as a trip to the Marley Conservatory next march.

Quarrymen will be meeting the Sunday after Ostara. It will be a continuation of things that were started in January. Don has all the materials/supplies ready.

We have 3 dedicants that will be drawing their stones on March 26th at 2:00pm. Noma confirmed that she has their anklets ready to go. We are excited to have 3 new coven members participating along with their children. It is an important sign of growth. They are excited to be with us as well.

Don and John suffered the loss of personal friend from when they worked at Brinks and the funeral arrangements are set up for next Saturday. There is a time conflict with the stone draw which is also scheduled for Saturday. Consensus is that we can start at 2:00 and hold the actual drawing until Don and John are able to arrive approximately 4:30 to 5:00pm.

We will be pushing to get our Dedicants 1st Degrees done before Mabon as they have put in the work and, due to COVID, have waited long enough. Next group will be aiming for being back to our "normal" format of stone drawing at Samhain.

2nd degree classes will be moving forward. More information to come from John. Start date of April 10th. Location TBD. Possibly looking at Enchanted Gardens or Magus Books. Secondary class to be followed by a lunch or dinner. Looking for ease of attendance when considering locations.

Other Business

We would like to transition back to in person coven meetings again and we will keep an eye on things for moving forward on this. Please keep looking for alternative meeting sites. If you have

a place in mind, pass on the cost information and kitchen availability to the Coven, if you have or can get it.

We are no longer chasing after people who say they want to be involved but are not actively participating. They will still be informed of events and hope they will participate.

Encouraging people to get their free home COVID tests if they haven't already gotten them. Check with your insurance company as some of them will reimburse you for the cost of them if you order and pay for them yourself. Please be mindful that COVID is still here and still affecting people so please test yourself if you think you might have been exposed so that we can keep everyone healthy.

John asked about the possibility of getting some silk-screened masks. That would be nice to have for Paganicon and Ostara.

Keep Carla and Bob and family in our thoughts as they are escorting her mom on her hospice journey.

Wendy, Rochelle, Cheeta, and Noma are all part of the communications team. Please share any relevant community events that coven members might be interested in. They might be spur of the moment but would be a great way to be able to get together. If you have information that you want to share with the group, you can also reach out to John, Tina or any of the Coven Council members and we can make sure that it gets distributed as appropriate.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.