

## **COVEN MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 10, 2022**

### **Attendees**

John, Tina, Don, Austin, Cheeta, Wendy, Deb, Rochelle, Kurk, and Diny

Beth, Matt, and Noma also attended virtually through Zoom

### **Paganicon**

We had a wonderful and successful time at Paganicon. We missed those who couldn't make it. We had a successful room with a lot of foot traffic. Lots of raffle ticket buys. Planning on doing only one basket next year. We recouped about \$660 between tips and the raffle. If people still have receipts for costs related to the room and supplies, please get them to Austin.

Make sure to keep your eye out for the reduced rates of Early Bird registration for Paganicon 2023, if money is an issue - rates go up after Pagan Pride in the Fall. There are also scholarship funds and volunteer opportunities available to also help with the costs. Scholarship fund information will be on the Pagan Pride/Paganicon website. Talk to Wendy for details on the volunteer opportunities.

### **Ostara**

Ostara at Camp Salle was amazing. The ritual created was memorable. Lots of good food and good company. We missed all those who couldn't make it there. Our dedicants were still talking about it at their next class.

### **Beltane**

Beltane will be at Camp Salle, April 30 – May 1. It will be an overnight. People can show up as early as noon on Saturday. The ritual is planned for 4pm, and the feast will follow. BYOB if you plan on drinking. Plan appropriately to help with clean-up Sunday morning.

We would like to have music so bring your drums, instruments, music devices, etc. If you are going to bring someone, be mindful of the other participants (we prefer that you not bring someone that we don't know). Dedicants will be allowed to attend but the Seekers are not invited. Be very mindful of people's boundaries and RESPECT them.

There will be 2 cabins/12 beds open. \$5 per person will be the cost. If your Coven dues are current, there is no cost to members.

There will be no lunch provided Saturday, so bring your own food. Feast will be a potluck dinner. If you don't know exactly what you are bringing, please at least let us know what category you're planning such as dessert, salad, side dish, bread, etc. There will be an email going out with the food list.

## **The Standing Stones 20th Anniversary Party**

Then, less than 45 days after Beltane we have our 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY, 2 years removed!! July 16, 2022, so save the date!!

The theme is still the Roaring 20's. Please send tabletop decorating (or any other) ideas to Deb.

Electronic Invitations are ready to go out and there will be information on our web page as well. We are waiting on a reply regarding which caterers the site prefers to work with. We will need to provide the alcohol and we will double check with the site regarding soft drinks/coffee/tea. We will also need volunteers for set-up and tear down.

We need someone to volunteer to create a collage of Coven photos throughout the years. If you have any pictures that you would like to contribute, please send them to Cheeta via email or FB messenger.

Everyone coming will get tickets for 2 free drinks after that you're responsible for your own. Per John, the band is checking their schedule to see if they are still available. We are planning music from 7pm-10pm. There is also elevator access for those that need it. There is limited parking available so maybe plan on carpooling if possible.

Hospitality gifts/swag bags for our guests??? Please think on this and submit your ideas ASAP to Jon/Tina/Don/Deb. As soon as you have something send it out, do NOT hang onto it or wait to tell us, same with the decoration ideas. We need to know sooner rather than later.

## **Dedicants**

We would like to get our Dedicants to their 1<sup>st</sup> degree by June, so they are part of the coven by our anniversary. We have 3 of them and we would like to do them all in one weekend if possible. Be on the lookout for further planning information on this.

## **Lammas**

We will not be focusing on Lammas planning right now because we have the 20th Anniversary Party and Mabon, both of which are large public events and will require a LOT of planning. We will have it, and Austin will be looking at finding a reservation spot. Looking at possibly moving it to another site than Roseville. Stay tuned for more details on this.

## **Mabon**

The theme of Mabon this year will be "*Magic through Sound*".

There will be information available on the website as well as an Eventbrite invitation sent out. We will be pushing for early registration so we can monitor for appropriate attendance. Please register as soon as possible.

## **Groups**

Quarrymen are on hiatus right now.

Sagewomen are still going strong, and their next gathering is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Stone Circle is suspended currently, due to lack of attendance. But Austin is open to starting again next Fall if the interest is there. It will be discussed more over the summer.

## **Website/Communications**

**PLEASE** start encouraging people who have questions about ANY of our events or classes to go to the website for information. We will be keeping the website as updated as possible and referring people to one source for information will hopefully avoid repeat conversations and confusion. We can put information out about dates for our events and fill in details as we have them which will save us from having to send out repeated emails and also make sure that people can save the date for our events in advance, even if our planning is in the very early stages. The website is [www.covenofthestandingstones.org](http://www.covenofthestandingstones.org). We will start including our website on all of our flyers and other promotion.

Let Wendy know if there are things that you would like to see included on the website or in the calendar. Please provide links and item specifics when you reach out to her. You can email [info@covenofthestandingstones.org](mailto:info@covenofthestandingstones.org) with this information or contact her through FB Messenger.

ALSO!!! Touch base with Wendy if you are still having problems getting into our website or the coven calendar. There will be a lot of information available there and we want you to know what is happening.

The website has a "Coven Members" section that is password protected that contains information for Coven Members only (member lists, emails, meeting minutes, etc). The password is: CotSS20years. It is case sensitive so make sure you type it in carefully and DO NOT SHARE IT with anyone other than another coven member.

## **Treasurer's Update**

We have approximately \$4,600 in the bank and we are in good standing financially, and there are dues that are still coming in.

Get in touch with Austin if you have questions about your Coven dues, need your statement sent out again, or have any other concerns or issues.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:41pm.**