

COVEN MEETING MINUTES: MAY 15, 2022

Beltane

We had a very successful Beltane at Camp Sallie. We need to take into consideration people's schedules and timelines to make sure it's worth the cost of going to Camp Sallie. We had a total of 13-15 people but only 3 people stayed overnight to help with cleanup.

Coven Calendar – 2022/2023

We will plan on going back to having the Calendar Committee present the yearly calendar of events to the council before publishing it for the rest of the Coven. That way we will have 3 chances to look at it and give people a better chance to plan things. We would like to have the calendar ready for presentation as soon as possible after Mabon.

Seekers/Dedicants Classes

Seekers class is going well. Our last class is scheduled for beginning of August. We have at least 3 potential Seekers who have expressed interest in continuing to Dedicants.

We also need to consider finding another space other than Magus for our classes next year. We are looking at several different places for our options. We are considering holding classes in multiple locations to minimize the costs that might be incurred and not have an extended teaching season. Some ideas are community centers, libraries, Lunds-Byerly's, etc. If anyone is aware of alternate locations that might work, please reach out to the teaching core with this information.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 5th is the Dedicant's ritual. 1:00 pm at John's in Grantsburg. They have decided to open it up to the entire Coven, 1st degrees and above. No Seekers or cowans.

Mid-Summer's will be Saturday, June 18 at 1:00pm, at Tina's house in Inver Grove Heights. Potluck, please bring something to share. An email will be coming out for this as well. Check the Standing Stones Facebook page for this event. We plan on putting a poll there for people to indicate if they are coming and what they are bringing.

1st Degree Rituals for current Dedicants – we are planning on doing all 3 of them after June 1st. Dates yet to be determined.

Lammas will be at the end of July. The location is still TBD, hopefully we will get it locked in before Mid-Summer. Locations are being looked into, suggestions so far are Hidden Falls or Crosby Park. If you have information on a good, inexpensive location please pass that information on to John, Tina, or Deb.

Pagan Pride is Saturday, September 10th. We will have a booth as usual. We will also be planning a ritual for 1 or 2 pm. Deb and Mary will oversee the planning and theme for this ritual. There will be non-food items for the gift.

Please note If you need a ride to a Coven event, please make sure you make this need known at least one week in advance if possible. As things continue to open, schedules are getting tighter and last-minute notifications make it more likely that people will not be available.

Mabon

The theme this year will be: Working Magic through Sound Vibration. We still need to plan for the silent auction, try to think of items that make noise that we can put out. We also need to start planning food. It was suggested that we have a pasta bar with the accoutrements (sauces, garlic bread, etc). At this time, we are still planning on having it at Camp Sallie.

Anniversary Party – July 16th

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND RESPOND TO THE EVENTBRITE INVITATION.

The room is already paid for.

Remaining costs include:

Two servers to take care of prep and serving if we provide the food - \$30/hour for a total estimate of \$240.

Two bartenders, plus wine and cider half-kegs is a total estimate of \$1,600 total. We are going to look into removing mixed drinks to see if that will lower the quote at all. We are also revisiting the possibility of bringing the liquor ourselves and providing our own bartender.

Security at \$50/hour for a total estimate of \$256.

Also, coffee (\$35), mixers (\$75), dispensers (\$20), chafers (\$10/each), glasses (\$125), silverware (\$20/100 pieces), plates (\$60), tablecloths (\$7/each for 8 = \$56), chairs (no cost).

The music is still being sorted out, we're looking at other band possibilities or a DJ. We are looking for 2-3 hours' worth of music.

Photography is being investigated, cost wise. We would like to have a time for formal photos as well as candid shots. We will have a plan for those who are not comfortable being photographed.

This will be a mask optional event and masks will be available at the site. Costs of N95 masks are being checked for pricing.

Food will be mainly appetizers and hot appetizers. This will potentially include deli meat/cheese/cracker trays. We can bring it in early and the site will store it for us. The servers will take care of the cooking and plating the food. The budget for food is \$700.

The bar will be a cash bar with \$5 for mixed drinks and \$2 for beer or wine. Soda, coffee, and tea will be at no cost. We are considering having a coat check person who will also sell the drink tickets and give out armbands to people who don't want to be in the event pictures. The bartender will have a tip jar.

Total estimated Coven cost is \$2,500.

We are planning on having a founders table at the event.

Invitations will be distributed to local Pagan friendly groups with a link for people to RSVP and they will be given complete information once they RSVP.

Future Events

Looking ahead to our 25th Anniversary, we are looking at the possibility for a Coven trip to Salem during Samhain. Please keep this in mind for future planning. Depending on costs and participation levels we are also considering a local resort in Minnesota or Wisconsin as an alternative.

The next Coven meeting is June 12. Information on location, etc, will be sent out closer to that time.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48pm.