

Mystic Grove Meeting Notes

Attending: Lesley H, Mary M, Barbara H, Cat R, Julia B, Paul B, Dev Inderjeet K, Arlene D, Jim D

Chalice Lighting.

Meeting starts 12:00 PM

Appreciation for outgoing officers and last year's worship leaders.

SEMESTER BUSINESS (Big Picture)

Reminder that Cat serves the will of the group. MG members tell her what interests them and she tries to get organized so it can happen. Dream Boards sent out over PDF for group to review. Group consensus regarding dream boards are still accurate. (Please let Cat know if you have other items to add/your interests changed.)

Annular charter – MG approves it.

After discussion, MG group decides to change membership dues to sliding scale: \$10 Students/Seniors, \$20 Regular, \$25 if you want to contribute to the scholarship fund. (Extra gift: Cat and Paul have contributed \$250 for their membership dues.)

Planogram: Group consensus. Copy will be provided to members at a later date.

FUNDRAISING (Big Picture)

Chalica Kits idea. Lesley H can provide materials for at least 50 Chalica candle kits. Sliding scale \$5 - \$10. Cat R will coordinate with the church regarding 15% share to 1U general funds. Kit making is scheduled for Sept craft circle.

"Wheel of the Year" calendar idea. MG members still like it. Arlene D willing to provide painting if desired. Ask advice from Lesley H and Tom C for photo tips, etc. Lesley will schedule a Saturday morning in the future for altar table photos.

Summer Dance/Ball In Gore Hall idea. Some group discussion and interest. More thought required.

WORSHIP (Big Picture)

MG still wants improved sound. Paul B will research altar table microphones for solar rituals in Gore Hall and report back in August.

Brainstorm for 25th anniversary of the Yule spiral dance: MG group wants to do something special. Group consensus for decorating more than usual for the occasion.

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Ideas include:

- Outdoor wedding lights (Cat R, Arlene)
- silver themed decorations (Lesley)
- Sparkles, shiny, magpie silvery. (Julia B)
- investigating earlier Yule services to see what could be brought back for anniv. (Mary M)
- Spiral dance that spans more of the area to include labyrinth, maybe figure eight with two focal points (Dev Inderjeet / Cat R)

OUTREACH (Big Picture)

Interest in traveling Wheel of the Year service (Lakeland, Mosaic, one hour driving radius, etc.). Cat will check next potential locations about 1 hour away.

UUUS – interested in doing a service over there again, possible reprise those in portfolio (ex: The Croods). Cat will check with Martha K at UUUS.

Cat R will coordinate with Chip/Toni D for “Who is Who in the Pew” Brochure.

Clean the World: Group consensus on adopting it as another of “our” charities. Making hygiene kits slotted for a special craft circle in Nov. Aug 10 is a work day over there organized by Steph G. Cat will check on kit making.

YouTube Videos: MG group still would like to do this to expand digital ministry. Need to assess a reasonable annual goal as to video contents. Suggestions included an intro for what occurs during a solar ritual, etc. UU Pagan history, about MG group, etc.

Digital Chapel/Classes: Looking ahead for Blue worship year... no rush, but start thinking since that's a larger project for 2020-2021. FSHL as an example of digital learning (Mary M). Teleconference for ritual (Mary M). Second Life Rituals (Cat R), Eliademy, (Cat R)

NORMAL BUSINESS

1U / CUUPS / BIGGER WORLD

Annual CUUPS meeting on July 13 in the assembly room. (1:30 – 3:30 PM)

Sponsoring the Orlando Pagan Pride planning meetings still ongoing, with actual event on Oct 5 over at Bill Frederick Park.

Chairs (and Officer) Orientation is Aug 3 at 10 AM if you want to go. Kathy H and Cat R are chairing leadership development team.

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Opportunity Fiesta dates are set. Aug 18 and Aug 25 at coffee hour.

MG GOVERNANCE

Secretary post is vacant. MG group agrees to default to taking turns covering the minutes in long hand in alphabetical order until spot is filled.

Group shirts – Please wear yours for group pix in Aug at the Aug meeting. Some have interest in having backup Mystic Grove shirts for “grubby work” when we go volunteer and keeping a “nice one” for ritual/events. Cat will make a post on groups.io to collect people and sizes. (We only order once a year.)

Cat R can provide sewing help for basic shirt modifications.

Dev Inderjeet K - Concern with who can purchase shirts (members vs. non-members). Cat confirms that it's members. We're not doing general t-shirts at this time.

FINANCES

Paul retired. Lesley is the new treasurer and will coordinate with Cat to “pass the baton.” We finish the month at \$463.66 and expect to be paying back the Kitchen Witchery teachers for supplies as the classes unfold.

EDUCATION

1st Fridays: Project Day. Continuing all year as the designated time slot to accomplish various MG projects. August 2 is stapling chant books and rehearsal for the class we are doing at Sublime Elm on Aug 10 at 3 PM. (Reminder from Dev Inderjeet that morning is Clean the World so mangle your spoons if doing both.)

3rd Thursdays: R&D Rituals. Update from Mary. Lesley will schedule one more session for July in assembly room to assess what next steps could be.

3rd Sundays Pagan Voices Book Group. Last one is July 21 – Michael leading the LGBTQ selections.

3rd Sundays: Getting Started in Adult RE. After summer rest, this class will become the new “book” class starting Oct 20. One selection and one technique.

2nd Sundays: Popcorn Theology. July 14 Zootopia (Mary) and then Aug 11 Brave (Cat.) It is after church in Room B of Gore Hall. If you want to lead a movie, let Cat know.

2nd and 4th Thurs: Kitchen Witchery: Cat, Lesley, Mary leading. Class is going well. The “hands on” nature of the class a plus for adults (Mary M).

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Fall Brochure planning. Teachers/proof readers review it on Aug 2 before the meeting. Thanks to Carie, Heather, Christi for signing up to be “MG Education Team Proof readers/behind the scenes” people in 2019-2020. (This is the one being shared at Orlando Pagan Pride.)

Summer Solstice

Good feedback from church community especially for Jim D’s performance for Words for All Ages. How smoothly the service ran (Barbara H). Arlene’s performance for reading Words for All Ages. Having a rehearsal was beneficial (Cat R) but might want two sessions since not all could make it on Sat. (Dev Inderjeet). Dedicated photographer NOT from MG could be helpful next time since we’re all busy giving it. (Cat R). Delayed cleanup to allow for more socialization – people want to talk to those giving the service (Mary M.). Having drumming as a prelude prior to the official start of the service – 10:25 AM. (Lesley H). Additional rehearsal to aid in traffic control (Dev Inderjeet K).

Other Solar Rituals

Lesley doing Aug 3 Egyptian New Year.

Cat confirms Stephanie W from Pagan in the Park doing guest ritual for Mabon Sept 21.

Chip and Toni interested in taking a turn on Samhain Nov 2.

Cat (and helpers?) leading Winter Solstice Service in sanctuary Dec 21.

Captain still needed for organizing the various Yule vigil components for the “after party.”

Lunar Ritual

Moon Circle block for Jan – June 2019 was completed. The chakra themes went well. Thanks to Christi and Michael. Cat R and Dev Inderjeet will check in with them for feedback after a rest.

Moon Circle taking a break in Fall Term and will return in Jan 2020 with Cat, Mary, and Sandy facilitating “Women of Wisdom” curriculum for all people wanting to do the sessions and wanting to write personal ritual, no just croning ones. Cat to get Mary a copy (<https://www.cronecurriculum.net/>)

Break at 1:44 PM to change rooms for catered lunch.

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FELLOWSHIP

Craft Circles

Julia will continue to be our craft project researcher and will make a list for Spring Term. Lesley has the kirigami projects for “rainy day” back up to put in Room 1. Schedule for fall term is:

Date	Door	Topic
Jun 21, 2019	Julia.	Dragon Eggs went well. Enjoyed by the participants.
July 19, 2019	Cat (Lesley back up door)	Collaboration with Young Adults. Stationary and Journal Buffet.
Aug 16, 2019	Lesley	Annual Jewelry Repair. Bring your things to be mended. Potluck Bead bracelet. Nothing to repair? Bring beads and learn to make a bracelet. Bonus: Sewing machines on hand to repair tarot bags, cloaks, etc as a service to the pagan community.
Sept 20, 2019	Lesley	Chalica Kits.
Oct 18, 2019	?	Lindsey Stroh willing to reprise Shrinky Dink Chalice jewelry. Cat will check if she wants Oct or Nov.
Nov 15, 2019	Cat	Clean the World Hygiene Kits?
Dec 20, 2019	Cat	Yule prep.

Field Trips

- Beach: Lesley will post on groups.io what she found about good dates viewing sunset/moonrise viewing at the beach.
- Cassadaga: Postponed to later in Fall so we can also visit the Rock Museum
- Gudwara visit: Dev Inderjeet will scout good days to visit on a Sunday to learn about the Sikh faith neighbors.
- Spring Term: MG group still interested in visiting Humanist or Quaker faith neighbors.

ROOM HEALTH

- Lesley will check on making a Willow Tree reservation for somewhere in November so we can hear the Oompa Band. We will plan the annual classroom clean up to match.

DIGITAL HEALTH

- Cat updated our MG static page with new officers, just missing new group pix (<https://www.orlandouu.org/groups/mystic-grove/>)
- Cat and Heather will continue their work on writing down the jobs with their “how to do it” for our handbook. If you notice a job that needs to be on the list, please let them know.

UU NETWORKING (ON AND OFF CAMPUS)

Orlando Pagan Pride

- July 28 at 12:30 in Classroom B. We continue to sponsor space for the Orlando Pagan Pride planning meetings monthly. (Actual event is Oct 5 in Bill Frederick Park from 10 AM to 6 PM.)
- Please start collecting your used books/movies/decks for the MG table at Orlando Pagan Pride. Mary M/Arlene D - Adding plant cuttings/herbs as an item for sale at Pagan Pride. Cat R can provide baby aloes.
- Aug 10 – Chant Class at Sublime Elm to benefit Orlando Pagan Pride Day 2020

Grad Student

- Helping student with thesis – Arlene did her call with Allison W. Anyone else still needing the contact info ask Cat.

Improving Gore Hall hospitality

- Lesley will work on the “MG Comment Card” and a guestbook page we can print and have in a binder. Will try it out at the Aug 3 ritual.
- Barbara and Dev Inderjeet will take a turn doing “Meet & Greet” on Aug 3.

1U Service Auction Winner

- Mary M to check with Alex M. about his house blessing.

PERSONAL

- One of the MG missions is to try to support fellow UU Pagans in their learnings and doings – if you have a thing coming up, let us know.
- Arlene and Jim planning their wedding vow renewals for Feb 2020.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Gem and Mineral show is the weekend of Oct 4-6, 2019 at the National Guard Armory, 2809 S Ferncreek Ave, Orlando, FL 32806
- Spiral Circle under new ownership. (<https://www.spiralcircle.com/>)

EXT. CHALICE

Meeting ends 2:50 PM

PROCESS OBERSEVER

- Everyone got a chance to speak and be heard. “Deep chair” meeting went smoothly. We’ll do it again in Jan to map out spring semester.
- Special thanks to Lesley for arranging lunch catering from Pollo Tropical!