

Three Cranes Grove Business Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2007

Present: Mike Dangler, Shawn, Leesa, Donald, Nick, Anna, Bonnie, Maggie, Jim

Opening Prayer.

1. **Re: ADF members in Minneapolis.** So far, everyone is okay. Our assistance was offered if anything was needed.
2. **Druid 6th night moon rituals** – members and guests only, so we can get them down. Incorporating trance and mystery. Supplies for the rite have been ordered (\$99.24 on debit card).

There will be two of these before Autumn Equinox rite (8/18/07, and 9/17/07)

3. **Grove Anniversary 9/22** grove and invited guests. Stanza needs to be added to the grove poem. Mike will send the current one to go out to e-mail list. Open to anyone to give it a shot. Offer suggestions for what should be included. Have suggestions and submissions by liturgy meeting. Mike would eventually like the poem memorized by those interested in things bardic. Bonnie (assuming she becomes a member, that is) would like to take that on. Rite will be at Highbanks.
4. **Pagan Pride Day 9/23** public rite.(Sacred Hart will be helping with security). Description of ritual is needed. Harvest focus. More to be discussed at liturgy meeting. PPD is at Highbanks. Several of us are giving workshops.
5. **Samhain** – October 28. Need to do a GOOD job of advertising. (Druid Moon on 10/17).
6. **Yule** – Need to verify we actually have a lodge before we get too far ahead. Prefer 12/16.
7. **Summerlands Gathering.** Everyone who is going must do it. Prereg cut off date is the 13th. Donald is available for shuttling from airport (614-905-5338). **WE WILL NEED PEOPLE TO WORK IN KITCHEN.** We will have pre-festival meeting for meal plan.
8. **Pursewarden stuff:** \$44 in donations in last ritual. ADF dues were paid for this quarter. Mike will check to make sure Mariel's has posted. Brett should fill out online form and bring to next business meeting, or e-mail it to Jim, and Jim will send it into next bunch of checks. ADF dues for Shawn will need to go in the next batch as well. Mike will also get Jim an updated list of when dues are due for everyone. Maggie paid \$60.00 Discussion of offering/donation envelopes, and decided to buy a stamp and use regular envelopes. Shawn paid \$35 for a crane.
9. **Scribe report:** We have 12 active members (attendance wise).

10. **New membership.** Bonnie Cyr and Donald Caudy. Vote at next business meeting 9/6/07. Will add them to three cranes list.

11. **Community service.** Jim and Anna-Gale are giving blood. Took in 124 canned goods this quarter. Maybe start asking for toys at Samhain. May also want to expand to do school supplies in summer rituals. Mike adopted a crane at the zoo, and will get another one tomorrow. Mariel bought one and Shawn will get the third. Thus, three cranes ☺ We should go to the zoo and get our picture taken in front of the cranes. Some of us may have passes.

Maggie talked about community service opportunities. Group really liked the idea of rehabilitating a cemetery and made the decision to move on the idea. Maggie agreed to pursue contacts and information, particularly for civil war cemetery on Sullivant Ave. in the Hilltop; Union Cemetery, Greenlawn Cemetery with druid memorial). Adopting a trail at one of the metro parks was also an idea that the group liked

12. **Elections** – Three positions open: Senior Druid, Pursewarden, and Scribe. Mike is not running for SD, Jim is not running for Pursewarden. Leesa will be posting call for nominations, with descriptions of position and duties.

13. **By-laws** – The description and eligibility of senior druid is in need of ‘work.’ Specifically problematic is the requirement that the candidates be done with the dedicant program and intend to get into the clergy program. Suggestions made to change it to “DP submitted or to be submitted within a year” and clergy program changed to ANY post-DP study program.

By law 4.5.1 has some sort of time warp involved in which the nominations have to be compiled by the scribe by Sept 1 but the scribe gets notified of nomination by Sept 21 to be put on the list on Sept 1. ... ?

By law 4.5.2 says things need to be done by Fall Solstice.

So, we’ll set nominations for this time to be due by Sept 1. Voting to take place no later than one week before the Fall EQUINOX.

By law 4.5.3. Annual meeting? Supposed to happen right after samhain...will probably want to rethink that entirely, do installation at moon rite on 10/17.

Anna suggested a thanksgiving rite. Just dinner and socializing. OSU/Michigan weekend (that Sunday.)

14. **New member applications and welcome letters.** Numerous drafts are sitting on Mike’s machine at work.

15. **Dedicant Program meetings** to restart at some point. Maybe lore nights in combination with that. And moon rituals will fill out the lore night. Mike said liturgy meeting in October to go through the druid moon rite and why.

16. August 22, 2007 **Labyrinth walk** at Shepherd's Corners led by Shawn.

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