

The Wiccan Church of Minnesota

Governance Moot Minutes

Noon, June 5, 2016, Ramsey County Public Library, Roseville, MN

General Moot

Attendees: Lyz, Iron Stag, Keith, Dawn, Lou

Meeting Called to Order: 12:06 pm

Presiding: Gen Rep Lou

Previous Minutes: Accepted as Distrib.

Reports

General Rep: No significant written correspondence, typical flurry of email contacts to attend a ritual just before Beltaine, which come in with insufficient lead time to vet for Beltaine vouching.

Teachers Rep: Absent, but emailed that she would welcome a list of covens or teachers actively accepting new students.

Elders Rep: Sent off the books that were requested by the Women's Prison. Our thanks to those members who contributed.

Treasurer:

Balances:	WiCoM Ops Checking:	\$4580.42	WiCoM Reserve Checking:	\$1039.99
	Cash/Checks on Hand:	\$0	Investments (RBC):	\$16,683.80

Gen Rep suggested that the statements might be better sent to the PO Box for ease of access.

Treasurer would like to explore the possibility of using some level of software for ease of reporting. Elders Rep suggested looking at Wave Accounting (www.waveapps.com). Gen Rep suggested investigating joining TechSoup for access to strongly discounted items for non-profit organizations. There is no cost to join the service, but there is a nominal administrative fee assessed on any purchases through them. It's worth a look.

Secretary: Minutes are distributed, and have been sent to newsletter and webcrafter for further publishing.

Webcrafter: Up and running under the new system, and password protection of sensitive documents is now possible. Gen Rep asked if it was worth having a redacted version "in the clear" on the website.

Old Business

Banking and Audit: To set up an audit date, Treasurer may send email to the Trustees list to make the arrangements. With reference to our investments account, if we can obtain online access to the statements it would facilitate the Treasurer's work.

Ritual Dates – We are under contract as listed on the website. Living Table is typically quite willing to adjust whenever possible in case of special needs.

Status of books from New Alexandria Library – The boxes of books from the NAL are still languishing at Magenta's, and need to be relocated ASAP as she will be moving. Lyz and Iron Stag offered to house them if there is a way to protect them from the elements. Dawn suggested that we might consider having them scanned. Downside is that the inexpensive scanning process is destructive, and anything that might have intrinsic value should be treated otherwise. There are 24 boxes (paper case size) to relocate. If we have heavier duty weatherproof bins to seal them into, this would work. We could have a book sorting party or bring a box in at each moot for sorting. Once we have an inventory, sources of existing digital versions might be obtained at low or no cost. Low-value (i.e. easily obtainable) books can be sold or donated to a library (UofMN?) First step: move to our custody. Step two, try to determine if it was donation or loan. Loaned books need to be offered back to originator if possible.

Rejoining the Church. Just a reminder that if an individual leaves WiCoM "for cause" (from either party's point of view), that the individual will need to discuss the particulars of the relationship with the Elders of the Church. A list of those individuals should be compiled and be made available to the Treasurer so any monies tendered may be held in abeyance pending that discussion.

New Business

Continued need for PO Box and Newsletters: In view of the password-protected options now available on the website, is there a need for a newsletter? We need to pass this by our editor first, and then the membership to see if this is an issue for them. Suggestion was made that we publish this suggestion IN the newsletter, and if there is no response, to discontinue the newsletter in favor of a higher profile web presence. This would also reduce the possibility of conflicting information being published in different media.

Next Moot: Sunday, September 18, 2016 (tentative)

Announcements: Emrys reports improvement of spouse's condition and thanks all to have contributed to the healing effort.

Adjourned: 12:54

Teachers Moot

MCTO: 12:55

PRESIDING: Gen Rep

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Coven/Teacher Reports:

Azure Dome: Absent

Torch, Key, and Wing: Seekers class was lightly attended and got no prospective students from it. There are several first degree members seeking their second degree through TKW.

Misfit Toys: Is continuing their highly unorthodox training cycle (as is appropriate for misfits), and anticipates several first degree elevations “sometime before Mabon.”

Old Business:

TKW’s Seeker Class Status: See above.

New Business: None

Next Moot: After General Moot

Adjourned: 12:59

Elders Moot

MCTO: 13:00

PRESIDING: Elders Rep

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Old Business: As noted in Gen Moot, the books requested by the Women’s Correctional Facility have been sent.

New Business:

Next Moot: After Teachers’ Moot (above)

Adjourned: 13:01

Executive Moot

MCTO: 13:02

PRESIDING: Gen Rep

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Old Business

Bills are paid but we will still need to restructure our accounts per earlier directives.

Stipend for May Couple’s Events. A \$300 was established last year. Is this to be carried forward? Yes.

New Business

Recurring: Authorization of Treasurer to pay our reasonable and recurring bills.

Question from Green Man: What is the intention of the investments fund? As a building fund.

Question from Fool: What is the threshold for action to be taken on acquisition of a building? Unknown, but first-guess is near \$1M. Treasurer has access to greater research tools and will keep eyes out for planning purposes. More discussions shall ensue.

Referrals from Previous Moots:

Purchase of bins for the books from the New Alexandria Library. Initial cap of \$100 should give us a good start, and we’ll revisit it after assessment process. Approved.

Reimbursement Requests: None

Next Moot: After Elders’ Moot (above)

Adjourned: 13:13