

# **Oak Spirit Sanctuary General Council Meeting: 11-7-2021**

## **7:04pm**

**Attendees:** Chuck Cook, Robyn Nall, Dawn Finney, Frank Griggs, Patrick Finney, Madeline Wright

**Board members:**

Patrick Finney (President)  
Joshua Kirby (Secretary)  
Dawn Finney (Treasurer)  
Madeline Wright

**Advisory Board Members:**

Chuck Cook  
Frank Griggs  
Robyn Nall

**Recording secretary:** Joshua Kirby

**Meeting Facilitator:** Patrick Finney

Meeting called to order at: 7:05pm

**Board or Relevant Organizational Activity since last meeting: October 3, 2021**

No information to report

1) Old business

- A. Proposal for Wanagi to begin serving as land steward living part-time at OSS. Frank Griggs relocating his camper to OSS property. Proposal for camper to be donated and used as a residence for land steward.
  - i. Camper location: Discussion of cement pad in front of retreat center by road; this may not work. Discussion of other previously located site by the old brown single-wide trailer site. There is electrical wiring there that could be reused.
  - ii. Frank is offering his unused camper as a donation to OSS. Options discussed: Accept as donation or agree to allow him to donate the use of the trailer while still retaining ownership. If it doesn't work out we can give it back. The donation is mainly for a Land Steward so they don't have to live in the house. Frank would prefer that it only be used for a Land Steward. In the event that there isn't a land steward Frank is okay with OSS renting it out. Will need a donation receipt. If this arrangement should not work out (e.g. too costly to implement) then Frank prefers to sell the camper.
  - iii. Contract: Land Steward contract in draft form.

- iv. Concern about waste water capture as Missouri does not allow grey water release on land. The camper would have installed its own grey water capture tank for pumping out. Wanagi may have someone who can donate a catch tank or financing toward one.
  - v. Discussion of relocating the blue cabin's grey water catch tank for camper installation as it is not in use to use. It may not be an option as that structure is required by the DNR to have that grey water capture tank.
  - vi. Discussion of board member staying as Wanagi's guest. Must be aware of conflict of interest if duration of stays represents something that looks like a housing situation for a board member. Concluded that duration of stays should total less than 50% of a week or a month.
  - vii. Discussion of safety and well-being of land stewards in the winter. Although there is less work on the land in the winter, and there is an option not to have a steward there in winter month. Ultimately, this consideration is for the land steward to determine.
  - viii. Cost of establishing a camper on the land for this purpose must be considered.
- B. Action Item: Madeline has agreed to investigate the costs of hooking up electric and wastewater connections. Patrick has agreed to help Madeline.
- C. Patrick proposes Frank move the camper next Friday. Josh Kirby seconds. Vote was unanimous.

## 2) Departmental or Committee Reports

### A) Property Management

- i. Land
  - a. Frog bog shutdown.
  - b. Wood got busted up.
  - c. Mulch has been relocated into smaller piles. Frank moved that using his rented frontloader.
  - d. Moved a bunch of concrete slabs from the blue cabin.

### B) Clergy

- i. Close to starting back up the year and a day class. Plan on posting it soon and becoming active.
- ii. Have not had many meetings.

### C) Oak Scouts

- i. No Report

### D) Financial

- ii. November bills are all paid.
- iii. Consider putting together a large project priority list.
- iv. All other landowners have paid except Bob James. \$308 is still not paid and we have sent 5 invoices.

### E) Fundraising

- i. Reconstituted the committee of fundraising. There are a number of people helping with the winter campaign.

- ii. Currently working on the incentive package. Going to table this and ask the community.

#### F) Legal

- i. No further report on legal

#### G) Outreach / Social Media

- i. Trying to continue content.
- ii. May Queen posts are developing traction.

#### H) Policy Review Committee

- i. Trying to find a better meeting day and time.
- ii. Currently discussing bullying and harassment policy.
- iii. Close to getting the introduction section of the policy handbook.
- iv. Sparro read the introduction currently being worked.
- v. Josh Kirby motioned to accept the introduction of the policy manual. Dawn seconded. The board voted unanimously in favor of the addition.

### 3) Board Business

#### A) Updates and Announcements

- i. No updates.

### 4) Events

#### A) OSS Events / Calendar

- ii. Madeline made a calendar and we will discuss this further in the OSS board discussion. This should be done by December.
- iii. Josh Kirby recommended pinning the events on Social Media once we have it agreed upon.
- iv. Frank is hosting the November Lunar.

#### B) Outside rentals: None

### 5) Special Projects

- i. Madeline was going to write a proposal about using the fencing to keep out intruders by the gate as she found beer cans on the land previously.

### 6) Any other new business / Miscellaneous

- i. Sparro mentioned the priority list and Dawn plans on posting her list to the Advisory Board group for discussion. We will then discuss in the next meeting.
- ii. Madeline mentioned Naiya's proposal. We still plan on reviewing this further before making decisions on it.

Motion to close meeting by Dawn Finney Seconded by Patrick Finney, motion passes, meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.