

Oak Spirit Sanctuary General Council Meeting: April 3, 2022

Attendees:

Board members:

Patrick Finney (President)

Dawn Finney (Treasurer)

Madeline Wright

Absent: Joshua Kirby (Secretary)

Advisory Board Members:

Wanagi Miwakan

Shannon Bagwell

Frank Griggs

Absent: Kerry Lynn Easter, Larry Brown, Chuck Cook, Taz Chance, Darcy Higgins, Tom Chapin

Recording secretary: Dawn Finney

Meeting Facilitator: Patrick Finney

Regular Monthly Meeting called to order at: 7:07

Relevant Organizational Activity since last meeting: March 6, 2022

- 1) Motion passed to approve new land project: development of a grove along the shrine trail to be called: "Seeker's Circle" by Charli Leach.
- 2) Motion passed to approve new land project: further development of trail system on east side of property by Madeline Wright.

1) Departmental or Committee Reports

A) Property Management

1. Land

- a. Lagoon: started clearing brush out around lagoon.
- b. Mulch needs spreading ASAP as it's starting to get a bit moldy
- c. Honey Locust--further removal of dead trees
- d. Trails--Need trail markers brought in to borrow from those who have them.
- e. Road gravel--there will be extra gravel after foundation for camper is spread that can be used on some of the pothole and rutted areas on the flat road areas of OSS property lane.

2. Infrastructure

- a. Frog Bog start up

Check with Rick Ramsey about availability. Plan on regularly scheduled work day or adjust for Rick's availability.

b. Wasp elimination

1) Dawn contacted two companies located in Booneville: Klenklen and Steve's Pest Control. Mark from Klenklen made an appointment to come look at retreat to give estimate for last Saturday at 10:00. He did not show up or call. Dawn left a message --no follow up from this company.

2) Currently have an appointment for Steve's Pest Control for this Wednesday for inspection and estimate. Wanagi and Madeline can be present for this appointment.

c. Camper update and further tasks

1) Camper systems check: Water system needs to be checked out after a simple toilet leak gets fixed. Not able to test AC yet. Working: Electric system, fan, gas, heater, refrigerator, stove. Need to replace a few scissor jacks, change flat tire. Camper was power washed.

2.) Site: 20 tons of gravel was delivered and half was spread on site. Needs to finish spreading gravel, and then extra gravel can go on roads. After gravel is done, camper could be made ready to move. Frank will get bobcat to move gravel. After gravel is done, camper can be moved.

d. Blue Cabin clean up--April 9--10th Kerry plans to come up.

e. Porta potties:

1) Dawn will call Apollo in early April and order clean out of retreat porta potty. Handicapped potty is ok.

2) Dawn added more blue fluid to both this past Saturday. The packages of pods are in the utility room on brown shelves in a cardboard box. If people see potty water is getting low, replace the fluid. Put pod directly into the potty, and add water over it. One pod gets 5-7 gallons of water.

3. Equipment

a. Mower -

1) MO River trailer driver / mechanic had an accident and the shop truck and trailer were broken. They will no longer come pick up mowers for servicing. We now have to deliver mower to them. Frank needs help getting both mowers to Mo River for servicing.

Will have trailer this weekend to move Bad Boy first for servicing then Deere. Plan for Saturday morning 4/9.

b. Chainsaws--OSS chainsaw is done. Dealer would give \$50 credit for chainsaw if buying a new Stihl. Wanagi brought out chainsaw for donation that needs repair.

c. Blue Truck--Frank wants to tow onto concrete pad to work on easier.

d. Woodstove needs maintenance before next cold season.

B) Clergy--Statement of Belief is being drafted, Syllabus for YaaD is being finalized, regular meeting schedule is being planned, Lunars are scheduled for the year.

C) Financial

1. Income for March

Donations	675.05
Camping	19.11
Outbuilding rental	50.00
Total for March	744.16

2. Regular expenses--April

CoMo Electric	121.00
Waste Management	50.00
Front Lot Loan Payment	228.62
Wooldridge and Wooldridge	50.00
Well Pump Loan #1	50.00
Well Pump Loan #2	50.00
Schnell Drilling	200.00
Upgrade Loan for roof repair	94.31
Zoom	14.99
Bank Service Fee	6.95
Total for March:	865.87

3. Current Financial assets after bills this month deducted: \$3,472.77

D) Fundraising

1. Winter Donor Drive had one final push from Patrick and it's wrapping up now. T shirt printing need to be finalized. Vendor not finally decided: Fast Yowi or Sheepdog --depends on cost and other factors

2. Had a few more one-time donations so total amount of one-time donations is at last count: \$735.00 (minus the Paypal Fees.) No new recurring donations or increases since last month. Not as successful as in the past.

E) Legal--Redacted due to current legal case on advisement of attorney

F) Policy Review Committee

1. Review how the sections of policy are getting posted to the Advisory Board page, the time frame we are suggesting the sections be reviewed in. Two week span for AB to comment and edit suggestions.

2. Discuss the first three policy sections that have been posted to the advisory board for review and have been up since March 21st: if there are no suggestions or edits, motion could be made to approve.

1. Oak Spirit Sanctuary Code of Ethics
2. Inclusiveness Policy
3. Communication and Reporting Policy and Procedure

Motion: Dawn Finney motions to approve sections 1-3 posted above, Madeline seconds, 3 Aye votes: Motion passes.

3. Discuss prioritizing the AB review of section: 6. Anti-bully, harassment and sexual harassment policy next, after this meeting and before Beltane so it can be in place for Beltane, and announced on community page.

3) Organizational Topics

A) Updates and Announcements

B) Other Business

1. Naiya Jones proposal for Volunteer Incentive System--In progress
 - a. Interest in overall idea.
 - b. Rethink some of the incentive prizes. (earn points for free event?)
 - c. Would need another person to help with logging volunteer hours although Naiya could handle the overall tracking of points. (Wanagi volunteers to help)
 - d. Naiya offered to cover costs, but goal would be to keep costs low for OSS and Naiya
 - e. Adopt idea as a "Trial Run" and OSS funds after this.
 - f. Use fundraising page for further discussion. Continue discussion next month--nothing decided firmly yet.

2. Updating Admins on Social media groups --check that admins on accounts are Updated--should be current board member

3. Scheduling meeting for Land Steward Contract review:

Wednesday April 6th --7:00 pm

4) Events

A) OSS Events / Calendar

1. Reports on previous events

a. Online Ostara- done

2. Upcoming events

a. April work weekend and Lunar--Madeline and Kerry working on Lunar.
Madeline YAAD-How to build sacred fire.

b. Beltane: Planning is currently underway in planning group

Please share the website page for Beltane around on other pagan sites.

B) Outside rentals --None at this time

5) Any other new business, items not on agenda / Miscellaneous / Special Projects & Proposals

A. Frank has talked to some of the other land owners about approaching the power company to reroute power lines off of the plots and along owner's side of the road. Asks if OSS would be ok with this. As long as it wouldn't cost OSS money, but it would depend on other RR land owners and power company.

B. Frank interested in getting information about lagoon from certified installers--initial inquires and information gathering.

C. Frank would like to trim trees along the property owners side of road (Lot 14)

D. Frank interested assessing interest in creating "Brothers Group" after the God's weekend.

Motion to close meeting by Patrick Finney, Seconded by Dawn Finney passes, meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM