

Feather River Grove - ADF

Established: May 15, 2007

Purpose: The Mission of Feather River Grove, ADF is to serve the Druidic and Neopagan communities of Butte County, CA and outlying areas by providing supportive, nurturing, spiritual services; while promoting kinship, environmental stewardship, and community service.

Minutes: Annual Business Meeting – August 11, 2013

Location: Olson-Wilcox-Coates-Walker-Caughell House

Scheduled Start Time: 5pm

Called to Order: 5:10pm

Present: Stella Caughell, Sue Handley, Nathan Caughell, Jessie Caughell, Craig Wilcox, Eric Brooks, Sean Cady

Abbreviations:

Senior Druid/President (SD) – Craig Wilcox

Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer (TR) – Sue Handley

Secretary (SEC) – Stella Caughell

Board of Directors (BOD) – Senior Druid, Treasurer, Secretary, Former Senior Druids (advisory capacity only)

Executive Committee (EC) – same as the BOD

Facebook (FB)

Secretary's Report

1. Minutes from previous meeting (June 2013 meeting minutes) :approved as written
2. Report: Nothing further

Senior Druid's Report

1. Need to do actions: contact former members that have expired, make deposits, email the pride form.
2. New Memberships: none
3. Report:Nothing further

Treasurer's Report

1. Monthly Balance for Aug 2013: \$1,420.45
2. Report: nothing further

Outreach

1. Facebook: Going well
2. Flyers, Canvassing: voted at meet and greet that we wanted to canvas the college again with general flyers about Feather River Grove rather than High Day fliers.

Interfaith Council Representative's Report

1. Report: Dark this month

Craft Day Sub-Committee's Report

1. Report: Salt Dough at Jessies house Aug 25 2013

Old Business:

1. Fundraising:

1. Discussion of “Growing Green” fundraising. SEC will contact Growing Green and request sales 25 kits.
2. High Day Ritual Roster :
 - . Mabon Ritual Organizer: Jessie Olson
3. High Day “On-The-Day” Feast Hosts:
 - . Mabon Feast host: Stella Caughell
4. Community Service
 - . Alzheimer’s Walk in the Fall Oct 12 - SD created Group June 9th we have 2 members so far.
 - a. Quarterly canned food drive
5. Grove Budget
 - . Report: SD and TR liaising each month before the business meeting regarding budget.
6. Enloe volunteer TR will post information on FB
7. Pop-up Garage can – to be used to collect cans for the canned food drive. SEC to price them at OSH.

New Business:

1. Nominations for officer positions
2. President/Senior Druid
3. Craig Wilcox was nominated and he accepted the nomination. 4 votes in favor, 0 nays, 1 abstain.
4. Secretary – Stella Caughell was nominated and she accepted the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor
5. Treasurer
6. Sue Handley nominated as Treasurer and she accepted the Nomination, the vote was unanimous in favor
7. Eight Winds
 1. Tentatively confirmed with our head caterer for our proposal
 2. Constructing proposal for Eight Winds
8. State of the Grove discussion
 1. Strengths
 - a) Successful Beltaine campout
 - b) Successful rituals
 - c) Successful craft events
 - d) Adhering to vision and mission
 - e) Internal cohesiveness and loyalty
 2. Weaknesses
 - a) Low membership
 - b) Low income
 - c) Children’s Program

3. Opportunities for improvements

- a) Outreach
- b) Advertising
- c) Revenue
- d) member retention
- e) pagan interfaith outreach

4. Threats

- a) Political unrest
- b) Competing resources
- c) Being downgraded to proto-grove status

Strengths

- Continue year-in-advance scheduling and rosters to plan and organize our events
- Continue to share leadership opportunities for rituals and events
- Solicit volunteers for next years calendar
- Continue to connect one-on-one with potential new members

Weaknesses

- Advertise – fliers in free speech area at college
- Ask for donations at every ritual
- Solicitation letter for Land fund
- Fundraising events
- Solicit a childrens program leader
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Opportunities

- a) Outreach
 1. Pagan Pride
 2. Gay Pride
 3. Colleges
 4. Religious Studies Program at the College
 5. festival scene in Nor-Cal
 6. Concow campground
- b) Advertising
 1. Same as above
- c) Revenue
 1. Ask for donations at each event. SD will remind TR for each event
- d) member retention

1. SD will send out announcements and recapps regularly and thanking volunteers
- e) pagan interfaith outreach
 1. Start a new networking group
 - 2.

Threats

- Mind our own business
- Try not to compete
- Follow policy

Adjourned: 10:09pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stella Caughell - Feather River Grove Secretary