The Atheopagan Society

Revering the Earth, Advancing Humanity

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 2021

In Attendance:

Arwen Hubbard

Mark Green

Robin Clancy

James Morgenstern

C. Wendt

Lilith Uhler (departed early due to medical issue)

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The meeting opened with a brief poetry reading (“Eagle Poem” by Joy Harjo).

Meeting video and audio transcript were recorded and will be made available only to Council members who could not attend the meeting.

(1) Approving Minutes from last Council meeting

NOTE: Some Action Items from the last meeting remain incomplete.

After noting one typo (“are” instead of “area” on the final page), the Minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

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(2) Education Committee

Robin will announce the Framework to the A-P community.

The Committee will convene a breakout meeting to determine user requirements to build the Educational Resources website. The Committee will reach out to a programmer at the A-P Mixer to help identify a developer.

A-P University is being discontinued; the material is covered in Mark's Atheopaganism book. We may consider offering other types of classes in the future.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Robin – Announce Framework to A-P community

Mark – Schedule breakout meeting on Website user requirements

Mark – Update A-P University sub-page to reflect discontinuation

ACTION ITEMS remaining open:

Mark – post Framework to the TAPS site sub-page for Education

Develop the Resources document - focus on what is already available

Draft 'How to Teach/Pedagogy' guidance (the 8 teachers can assist with this effort)

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(3) Clerical Committee

The Guidebook has been published; this Committee has fulfilled its mission. A motion to disband this Committee was unanimously approved.

A question was raised about the possibility of rogue clergy; however, A-P clerical responsibility is on the honor system. If needed, the Council will convene to address inappropriate behavior.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

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(4) Finance Committee

Bank Account – Redwood Credit Union requires 2 controlling signatories per the Patriot Act. Mark is one signatory. Unfortunately, they could not accept Tonya; Arwen has agreed to be the second signatory.

A Board Resolution Form will be created, signed by the Secretary, and returned to Mark.

A motion to open the bank account was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS remaining open:

Mark – Open a TAPS bank account at Redwood Credit Union

Mark – Create Board Resolution Form and send to Secretary

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(5) Diversity Committee

Robin approached a few individuals to lead this discussion, but found no one who expressed interest. Professional facilitators would cost $500 or more.

The Council proposed the creation of an A-P Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement, outlining policy, which would be finalized prior to initiating any training sessions.

If a certification program to become a Diversity Trainer is identified, this person should be someone who represents marginalized communities. Perhaps they could be a consultant/advisor instead of a Trainer.

The motion create a new Diversity Committee was unanimously approved.

The Committee can be comprised of non-Council people + 1 Council member. Robin to post a call for members on the Discord.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Robin – Post call for Committee membership on Discord

Committee – Draft an A-P Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement

ACTION ITEMS remaining open:

Robin/James – contact leaders of A-P LGBTQ Discussions

Robin/James – contact Rose Arcati

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(6) Media/Outreach Committee

A new Media/Outreach Committee was proposed to create an Instagram and YouTube presence. The A-P Voice is currently a "mostly-monthly" publication ; Mark is currently focusing on the A-P Podcast.

The Discord is primarily comprised of gamers and tech nerds who tend to avoid social media. We should be more intentional in our use of it. Moderation has not been held to the same posting standard as the Facebook group.

James has a YouTube channel ("Redwood Cianalas") he started on his own. He also has an Instagram he started to coordinate with the YouTube channel.

He noted there are 100s of uses of A-P hashtags, and also 6 A-P videos on TikTok (which has potential as an advertising vehicle). He is willing to share his expertise and equipment.

Arwen and Mark expressed interest in joining James on this Committee; the Committee can propose recommendations to the Council. A motion to create this Committee was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

James – notify current mod (Rose) to add text chat/voice chat to Discord

Arwen – Add the Media/Outreach topic to a future meeting

ALL – Re-read previous meeting minutes and search on your name for open Action Items