The Atheopagan Society

Revering the Earth, Advancing Humanity

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 2024

In Attendance:

Anne *(Community member)*

Rana A.

Michelle G. *(Community member)*

Mark Green

Michael Halloran

Jaala Hemingway

Fern Lovebond *(Community member)*

Rebecca N.

Susan Paterson

Lauren P.

C. Wendt

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Michael read an opening invocation on hope for the future.

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(1) Appreciations

Mark praised all for their work on the SunTree Retreat.

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(2) Community Comments

A concern was raised regarding branded assets, such as our logo.

Need to reformat Mark's essay into HTML. Also, our SunTree logo is pixelated; need access to a scalable file.

We should give re-formatted files to the A-P Admin; should be stored on the TAPS website. Others can link to this.

Mark says he simply wants credit; he is not concerned about the file's location.

Fern should plan to include the phrase "used with permission" and link to the copy on the TAPS website.

***MARK and FERN** – Work on reformatting Mark's essay and obtaining scalable file of logo

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(3) Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

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(4) Approving Minutes from prior Council meeting

The JUL2024 Minutes were unanimously approved without edits.

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(5) Financial Report

Mark stated that we have $3200 after all SunTree expenses were paid. We made $800 from S-T.

Glide is still being double-charged.

***MARK** – Follow up on resolving Glide charges

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(6) Communities Report

No current issues. Someone was provided a link to apply to be a mod.

*JAALA – Follow up on application to be a mod

Michelle couldn't access FB; Michael's FB had dark text.

*JAALA – Check FB settings; file a bug report if needed

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(7) DEIB Report

No trainings provided since our last meeting. The Council paid for Lux (formerly Lu) to complete their DEIB coursework, but they were unable to complete it. They will contact the organization to see what can be done. We will wait to hear back from Lux.

Council agreed to consider this an experiment that failed; we should write it off and move on.

Michael noted that if we pay in the future, we should specific the tangibles, especially if the outcome is not predictable.

Jaala's partner Jes has led a couple of workshops for us (these occurred after we gave the money to Lux).

*SUSAN – Contact Jes to plan a future training; create a Doodle poll to schedule

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(8) Media/Communications

Susan – IG has fallen off; Rana offered to assist with IG content.

Video – Jeremy's uploads in January were the last ones.

*SUSAN – Email all contributors for video/IG

Michael may hold a roundtable for Samhain; we'll see what the survey says.

New Newsletter team, headed by Rhonda, is starting in October (dual with Mark) and going independent in November.

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(9) Tech Committee

Mark was interviewed by Jaala/Rana to pull details on his various files.

We now have a password manager.

Currently, we pay for Glide, which can take a spreadsheet and turn it into a web app.

Councilmembers and others should plan to give Council a heads-up before they talk with the public about A-P. (For example, there will be an interview next week for promoting Mark's new book.)

Rana again brought up our need for better task management.

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(10) SunTree Retreat

S-T was a success!

S-T workshops could be longer, so participants have flex time to practice and discuss

S-T 2026: want to offer yurts + 1 cabin. La Foret is very booked! Labor Day weekend is available. Michelle mentioned a few people expressed concern about mounted animal heads in La Foret meeting spaces as inconsistent with TAPS values. We should consider another site in the future.

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(11) New Business – Electing Officers

Michael wants to focus more on Event planning but will remain as Co-Chair.

Susan will need help to ID and onboard new members.

Bylaws say we rotate who creates the Agenda, but doesn't specify frequency.

Current Chair (Jon) probably should relinquish to someone else. Chair is responsible for the Agenda, being an Admin of FB (but not a mod), and contacting/gathering others.

Rebecca, Jaala and Michelle formed a Governance Committee and agreed to edit our Bylaws and handbook to work better for us, and to finalize JDs for our Officers.

Lauren is retiring following this meeting.

Need to approve 4 Officers:

Susan will take over as *Chair* and will inherit Jon's permissions

Michael will remain as *Co-Chair* and will rotate with Susan to create Agendas

C. Wendt will remain as *Secretary* (Rebecca offered to take over the role in the future)

Rachel is an accounting student and want to remain as our *Treasurer*

In-meeting, the Council approved the Co-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer roles.

***ALL** – Submit suggestions for new Councilmembers to Susan via email

***MICHAEL** – Set up an email vote to approve Susan as Chair (because Jon is not present at this meeting)

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(12) New Business – Events

Web-Weaving 2025 Team: Michael, Michelle, Mark, Susan, Rebecca, Jaala, and Rana

Michael to book general Events meetings; to meet on Sundays.

To determine dates for Web-Weaving 2025, SunTree 2026

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The next TAPS meeting will fall on the 3rd Wednesday after the Winter Solstice. It will be held on January 8th, 2025.

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