TAPS Council Meeting Minutes 1/11/2026

Meeting preamble

Attendance

Council members

- Mark
- Jaala
- Rachel
- Rebecca

Community

- Marianne

Joined later

- John (council member)
- Rana (council member)

Opening the meeting

- Mark read an invocation poem.
- We did our checkins.

Main meeting

- Vote to approve 7/13/2025 and 10/12/2025 meeting minutes: Rebecca, Mark, Jaala, and Rachel voted yes. No one obstained or voted no.
- Michael reached out to some people about coming back to the community. #action Rana is going to reach out to Michael

Committee reports

Event planning

- We put down a deposit on the suntree retreat and we'd like to put out a request for proposals by the end of this month
    - Rebecca: #acton update a draft from previous years

- We can reach out to volunteers in discord. #action Rachel will reach out to our volunteer coordinator in discord
- #action Mark will write up a volunteer announcement

DEIB

- We had a second session with Jes and it went really well.
- We have another one coming up.

Media

- There isn't much to discuss about the media team right now.
- Mark will be doing another one of his classes on the 20th of January will and putting it on the Youtube channel.

Tech

- The tech committee has been meeting monthly for working sessions.
- They will be testing out a project management software (github projects) and if it goes well they will show it to the committee next quarter.

Governance

- Hasn't met this quarter.
- #action Rebecca to reach out to the committee to schedule another meeting.

Previous business

- Committee report template: on Susan's plate but she's not here right now. #action
- TAPS address: Mark has this on his plate, will work on it next quarter. Our current address is his address before he moved. #action Mark work on this this coming quarter

New business

- Event planning committee next meeting: directly following the Saturday mixer next week, approximately 11:50am-12:50pm PT
- The podcast is currently going into hibernation - neither Mark nor Arwyn have bandwidth.
  - We're paying $14/month for Podbean right now, which is fine but we want to keep that in mind.
  - Could we put them up on Youtube to keep visibility up? #action Media team to discuss putting the podcast episodes on youtube
    - You can put things up on youtube and schedule them so this could be done in large chunks.

    - We should back them up on the TAPS Google drive. #action Mark could we have the files?
    - Once their on the Google drive could we stop paying for Podbean or does that need to keep happening to have them available on podcast platforms? #action Tech team to look into this
- Mark and Arwyn are probably done with making podcast episodes permanently, but we could bring it back at some point with different people.
    - Could be a lower frequency.
    - People could come on and talk about how they celebrate the holidays. Could talk about their Atheopagan "origin stories".
    - Jon expressed he may have some availability to help with this.
    - Rebecca also expressed some interest in helping with this.

Action items

- Rana: to reach out to Michael
- Rebecca:
    - update the Suntree call for presentation proposals and bring to the next event planning session
    - reach out to the governance committee to schedule another meeting
- Rachel: reach out to our volunteer coordinator over discord
- Mark:
    - make Suntree planning volunteer announcements
    - working on how to handle our TAPS official address
    - to make podcast files available to TAPS
- Susan: committee report template (to provide an update for us and/or continue to work on)
- Media team: discuss putting The Wonder podcast on Youtube
- Tech team: to explore the possibility of hosting files for podcast platforms without Podbean fees