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Gaia's 2009 God Auction

The results are in and we have a new patron! There will be a class about him this month on the 9th, and a ritual to welcome him the following week, but for now know that Thoth fought a hard-won victory this year. All four competitors did well, but Thoth's message and platform prevailed:

Thoth is the Egyptian deity associated with knowledge, recording of deeds, magic, and right action. He is the patron of libraries, education, science, and contracts, and the deity who receives appeals for the building of new temples. He brings forth truth always, falsehood is abomination to him. He is the special guardian of teachers, scientists, writers, bookkeepers and lawyers. Thoth calls upon those who honor him to act in harmony with the laws of the universe, to argue from logic (avoiding flame wars), to tell the truth, and to think well of others.



- *Ritual Teams*

School Supplies Project

In honor of Thoth, our next Social Justice project will be to collect school supplies for kids in need. Andrew has contacted the KCK school district, although working with other districts may be feasible, depending on how we do on the first part of the project. The full list is on page 4; we're trying to gather most of the supplies by the time school starts on August 17th, but will certainly take donations after that as well.

- *Social Justice Committee*

Town Hall Meetings

Due to some concerns and ideas brought up at the July Ritual for Business, we will be holding a series of open "town hall" meetings over the next several months, on Tuesday evenings. Anyone is welcome to attend, listen, and provide input, regardless of whether or not they are a currently active member of Gaia Community.

- August 18th: The first meeting will be concerned primarily with what, exactly, it means for the community to be 'lay-led'. How does our governance and leadership model meet our needs, and where might it be hindering us? How does the Committee of the Whole interact with the Board of Directors, or Ritual Teams? Is there a "hierarchy" to these things – and should there be? All of these topics and more may be covered, so bring an open ear and any constructive input you may have.
- September 15th: The second town hall meeting will be looking at our status as a congregation within the Unitarian Universalist Association. Two of our members recently went to General Assembly (GA), the annual meeting of the UUA, and came back with both information and questions. We don't utilize the benefits of our membership within the UUA very often at present, although we did more often when we were a younger congregation. Should we be tapping into the local Prairie Star District's resources more? Should we be "just a pagan group" and not worry so much about our denominational affiliation, and the concomitant annual dues to the denomination?
- October 20th: Having looked at those two thorny topics, why shy away from looking at our mission covenant and our vision for the community's future? What do we want to do with ourselves going forward? We've visited these topics in the past, of course, but membership turnover and possibly changing views of longstanding members make it reasonable to take another look and make sure we're still "on track" for what we want to be.

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All Sunday activities take place at Shawnee Mission UU Church; 7725 W. 87th St., Overland Park, KS (near 87th & Metcalf) and begin at 4 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

Gaia About Town

Craft Circle (8/1, 1-5 PM): Craft Circle will be at David and Kimberly's house this month, 1306 E. 118th St. in KCMO. Any project you have or craft you'd like to share with the group is welcome; we'll also be talking about the organizational structure for the covenant group that this activity could become.

Ritual Teams Meeting (8/3, 6:45 PM, at SMUUCH): All active ritualists must attend at least one meeting a quarter; please contact Devin or Kit, the joint Ritual Teams Coordinators, in person or at rtc@gaiacommunity.org if you have questions. As always, any member of the congregation may help with any particular ritual, so if you have an interest, let a ritualist know (they have blue ribbons on their nametags)!

Ritual for Business (8/8, 9:30 AM, at SMUUCH): This is our monthly "church business" meeting. Anyone, member or not, is welcome to come and provide input or ask questions, although only Full Active Members can participate in the formal consensus process. If you've ever had an official question or concern, this would be the place to bring it. Any questions or items for the agenda (see page 5) should be sent to a board member, as shown to the right.

Women's Sacred Moon Ritual (8/8, 7:30 PM, at SMUUCH): Kate's Women's Group is now a fully-fledged Covenant Group of Gaia Community! Their full moon rituals are open to everyone who identifies themselves as female and/or has had their first menses. For more information, please contact Kate Miller. They also hold social events from time to time that are not gender-restricted.

Social Justice Committee Meeting (8/11, 7 PM, at Andrew's): This meeting will be at Andrew's apartment: 11132 W. 76th Terr. #34 in Overland Park; you can also e-mail him at sj@gaiacommunity.org or find him in person. They will be working on the school supply project.

Stewardship Committee: Stewardship does not have a scheduled meeting for August; get in touch with Kimberly or Kit by email at stewardship@gaiacommunity.org or in person if you'd like to be a part of this committee. They are working on the Fall Bazaar at present.

Craft Circle (8/14, 7 PM): The second meeting of the fledgling Storytelling Group will be at Greta's house this month, 1175 E. 65th St. in KCMO; if you're interested in what they'll be practicing and working on, get in touch with Andrew or Greta.

KidSpace Coordinating Committee (8/16, 1 PM, at Dunn Brothers): The KidSpace committee is for everyone; you do not have to be a parent to attend; get in touch with Rosemary (the Committee Chair) or Linda (the KidSpace Coordinator) in person or at kidspace@gaiacommunity.org to find out more about what is on the agenda; this committee meets on the third Sunday of each month, at the Dunn Brothers Coffee Shop near Half-Price Books on Metcalf.

Town Hall Meeting (8/18, 7 PM, at SMUUCH): Due to a concern brought up at the July Ritual for Business, we will be having a town-hall style meeting (the first of three) to discuss what it means for our community to be 'lay-led'. Ritual Teams, governance, and other issues related to this topic may be brought up by anyone in attendance. This meeting will be held in the Jefferson/Franklin part of the building, downstairs.

Games Night (8/21, 7 PM, at SMUUCH): Kick back and relax; NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS IS ALLOWED! Bring a game, bring a friend, bring some munchies, or just bring yourself! Usually held in the Barn Chapel or downstairs in the Jefferson room, depending on weather and/or what games are available.

Friday Night Supper Club (8/28, 7 PM): August's supper club will be at Jun's, a Japanese restaurant at 7660 State Line Road. Please R.S.V.P. to Amanda in person if you're interested, or you may also RSVP on Meetup.com, Facebook, or by email through fns@gaiacommunity.org.

Pagan Pride Day (8/29, 10 AM – 6 PM, at SMUUCH): Pagan Pride Day is here again! Once again to be held at the main shelter in Macken Park (1194 Clark Ferguson Drive in North Kansas City), this gathering is open to pagans of any faith or tradition to a public, positive, charitable and educational event. They hold a silent auction to benefit a charity (this year, YouthFriends) and this year will be adding a Harvesters Food bank drive. More information on this event, for which Gaia Community usually provides recycling and other support, visit <http://kcpaganpride.com>.

Caring Connections Corner

Birthdays for this month include Dan Symes on the 4th, Kieran and Livvy on the 11th, Michelle d'E on the 12th, Thom Belote on the 15th, Kimberly on the 20th, Tony Dunsworth and Cynthia on the 21st, Daniel Ticer and Judy Brenner on the 23rd, Gary, Rosemary, and Matthew on the 24th, Janene on the 27th, Jenny Vust on the 28th, Ann Allegra on the 29th, and Paul Gorbas on the 31st. Please let the Caring Committee know of any others that we're missing (could there be any more?), and congratulations and blessings to all those folks for another trip around the sun.

The Caring Committee is now chaired by Jacki Kelley; please let her know of concerns or blessings you wish to share with the community, or if you have ideas for how to make this committee a more vibrant part of our community. Leave a message on our answering machine at 816-931-9900 or by e-mail at caring@gaiacommunity.org.

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Sunday Schedule (*held at 4pm unless otherwise noted*)

Voices of Gaia meets at 2:00 PM, Sacred Rhythms at 3:30 PM

Note: We have changed the pre-ritual expectations for our youth again. Now, the time from 4:00-4:15 (sometimes less) will be an interactive "Children's Church" where a story or activity related to what the adults will be doing will be presented, for the young and the young at heart. After that, we will start the Sunday service itself. We are trying this until the August RfB to see if it flows better while still providing interaction between our KidSpace and adult programming. If you have questions/feedback, contact someone with a red ribbon on their wooden nametag.

Sunday, August 2nd

Ritual — The Tailteann Games (*Lughnassadh, w/potluck*)

Ritualists: Kimberly, David, Eric, Kelley, and Amanda

One of the great events of Lugh's story is that when his foster mother died, he instituted the Tailteann Games in her honor. For Lughnassadh this year, we will be holding our own games, of skill, strength, and wit, for both adults and children (above nursery age). The goal here is not necessarily to beat everyone else, but to showcase your own strengths and honor the gods and each other.

Weather permitting, this ritual will be outside and most people will be able to participate in most games, so please dress appropriately and bring your competitive spirit! This ritual will be done in a Druidic style, so if you have additional offerings of praise or promise that you will wish to make during that section of ritual, please feel free to bring them. Following ritual, there will be a potluck meal, so bring a dish, drink, or dessert for 8 people, and place settings for yourself.

Sunday, August 9th

Class — Meet the New Patron

Facilitators: Erin and Kelley

Gaia Community has chosen our new patron for this year: Thoth. Come learn more about this ibis-headed Egyptian deity. If we learn about Thoth, we can better know what the inspiration for our community will be for the coming year. How appropriate to begin our patronage with a class for a god known for wisdom and knowledge! If you have a familiarity with Thoth, you are welcome to share your knowledge as well.

A Look Ahead to Next Month...

Sept. 6th — Sharing Our Spirits Ritual (*Labor Day*)

Sept. 13th — Ritual: Poking Your Eye Out

Sept. 20th — High Holiday: Fall Equinox

Sept. 27th — Class TBD

Sunday, August 16th

Ritual — Patron Welcome

Ritualists: Kit, Jamie, and Kelley

Join us as we welcome our new patron, Thoth! Last week's class was a chance to learn about Thoth; this week we will hold our first ritual in his honor. Most youth are unlikely to find this ritual particularly interesting, but are welcome to attend if they like.

Sunday, August 23rd

Ritual — Shadow Walk

Ritualists: Devin, Cheryl, and Barbara

This Sunday we will be afflicting the comfortable. Come ready to work on something intense and shadowy or come ready to help with KidSpace, because this will not be a rite for the faint of heart. And be warned; if you gaze long into an abyss, the abyss will gaze back into you!

Sunday, August 30th

Workshop — Applied Urban Sustainability

Facilitators: Devin and Amanda

Come one, come all, to the first Urban Sustainability workshop. This will be a hands-on affair covering many subjects such as composting, cold frames, small space gardening, "dumpster" diving, re-usability issues, and much, much more. Please be prepared for some outdoor work, as we'll be working with dirt, and well... it's not our carpet.

- Ritual Teams

Currently Active Ritualists

Amanda Pence	Barbara
Cheryl Russell	David Reynolds
Devin S.	Eric Simpson
Erin Scrogum	Jacki Kelley
Jamie Peters	Jeff Park
Kelley Montford	Kimberly
Kit Peters	Kitty Degler
Linda Boyce	Lizzy Ticer

Please see Devin or Kit, the Ritual Teams Coordinators, if you are a former ritualist who would like to rejoin teams, or a newly trained ritualist looking to join for the first time.

KidSpace Information

Many thanks to Devin, Amanda, and Erin for their donations of snacks to feed our hungry students! Also, thank you to Kate for sharing the wonderful desserts with our students!

Please keep our students in mind when you are shopping. Snacks are an ongoing need. If you submit your receipts, our Treasurer can issue you a gift-in-kind receipt for tax purposes.

What we did in July: In July, our students learned about the God Auction process that Gaia does and the deities up for consideration this year. They made offerings and then got to give them during the auction itself. The Saplings have started study notebooks which are being kept at Gaia so they can use them periodically through the year, in honor of the new patron, Thoth. Parents are welcome and encouraged to have their student share their notebook when they are picked up.

We need more teachers for the fall! We have 3 currently active classes. Several of our regular teachers are involved with the Kansas City Renaissance Festival. While they are away during the months of August (the last weekend), September, and October, we need teachers to take their places. Please contact Linda at llboyce@mindspring.com or 816-419-9447 if interested. Our teachers are paid volunteers. If you dedicated hours to the community during God Auction, this would count towards fulfilling that obligation-provided you choose not to get paid. Lesson plans and materials are all provided; we just need folks to teach.

Security Reminder: KidSpace asks parents to please pick up their own child. A child can not be released to a sibling or a friend. This is especially important when we have so many wonderful visitors as it allows our teachers to be sure your student is safely in your care and lets us tell you how well they are doing.

Administrative stuff: KidSpace will be recreating the sign-in book. The one we were using has gotten itself lost. Please help us if we ask you to fill out an interest sheet for your child. We want to serve each student to the best of our abilities.

Concerns from KidSpace: Our Mission Statement makes a point of declaring "we of the Gaia Community, gather to honor the inherent sacredness of Nature in a family-supportive environment...."Two very important concerns were brought to July's KidSpace committee meeting. The first involved tobacco

use in front of the students and the second involved language and serious displays of affection in front of younger students.

In the world today, it is so hard for our young people to avoid the use of tobacco and its negative impacts. One of our youngest students has been pretend smoking. The KidSpace Committee was made aware of this and also made aware of a member of our congregation who is having health issues aggravated because of having to walk through the smoke in front of the door before and after rituals. Our liaison with SMUUCH investigated their smoking policy---do they have a smoking area?--and was informed that SMUUCH does not have an official smoking area and would support anything we do to set one up. The KidSpace Committee will be presenting a proposal at RFB asking our smokers to enjoy their cigarettes in the paved area south of the Barn Chapel doors. A "butt bucket", with sand, and possibly a bench will be provided, depending on the wishes of the community. These will be installed as soon as possible. We ask those in the community who indulge in the use of tobacco to please help us all help teach our children and welcome visitors by stepping over to that area. This moves the activity away from in front of the doors, allowing a smoke clear path into the building and models good behavior for the youngest students by not having the behavior in plain view. Your help in this matter is very much appreciated.

Finally, we need to remind ourselves sometimes that our current ritual format often has our younger students upstairs with the adults. We want to be welcoming to all, including families. We need to remember some words and phrases, or certain actions, including some expressing passionate energy, may not be appropriate in front of children. They can be confusing or even frightening to a child who does not yet have the maturity to understand their meaning. It also can be embarrassing to a family when a phrase or word later falls out of a young mouth, or a child asks for clarification of something they saw. The KidSpace Committee would like to ask every member of Gaia to help us educate our community's children in the best way possible, with gentle words and actions touched by grace. The assistance of the whole community is very much appreciated in this matter.

- KidSpace Committee

Social Justice Project: School Supplies

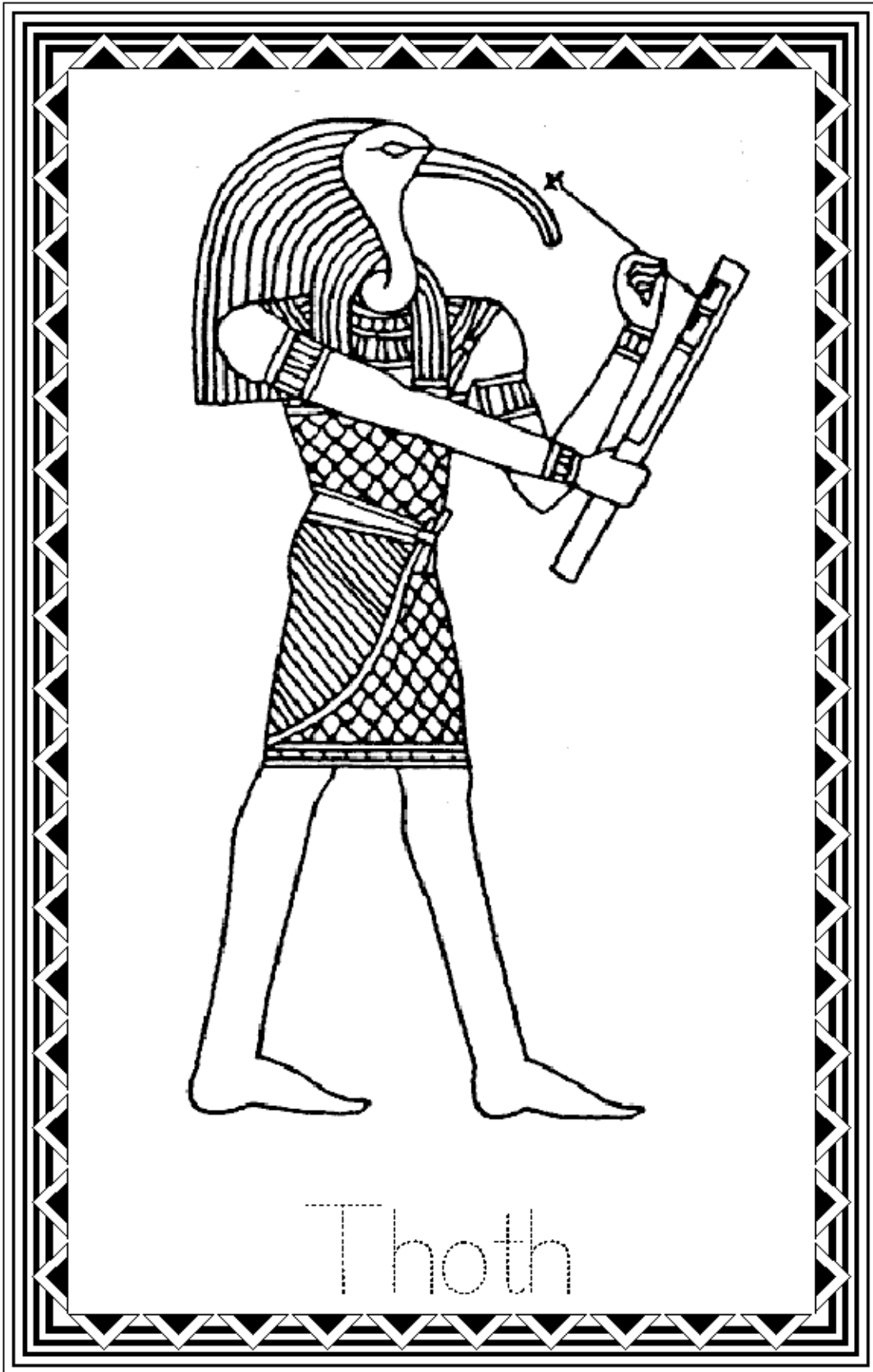
As mentioned on page one, our new Social Justice project is to collect school supplies for children in need. While anyone within the community who needs these items for their own children are welcome to contact the committee, we felt it would be appropriate to help a school district in the metro area. Andrew has sought out the KCKSD "wish list" for us; school starts there the 17th:

- lined paper
- pens and pencils
- markers
- highlighters
- dry-erase markers
- overhead projector transparency sheets
- overhead projector markers
- paperclips
- binders
- report covers
- staples and a stapler
- construction paper
- glue sticks
- tape
- backpacks
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- scissors

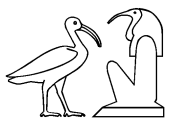
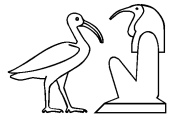
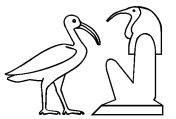
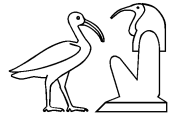
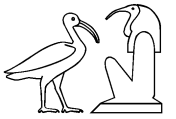
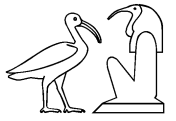
Their school year starts on the 17th of August, though we will take materials anytime through the Fall Equinox ritual in late September.

- Social Justice Committee

Color The New Patron!



Thoth



Ritual for Business Minutes for July 11th, 2009

Started at 9:45 AM

In attendance: David, Devin, Erin, Amanda, Jamie, Cynthia, Rosemary, Kit, Judy

I. Approval of Agenda – approved

II. Minutes – approved as read

III. Committee Reports

A. KidSpace – KidSpace has had two separate groups of kids come for the Sundays they are covering the God Auction candidates; they will be doing a review of all four this Sunday and allowing them to make offering projects if they wish and did not get a chance to earlier. The next KidSpace meeting is on the 19th of the month; they will be discussing curriculum and plans for Faire-season this fall.

B. Social Justice – They will meet on Tuesday the 14th to make a final decision on what project to pursue next, once we decide on a new patron this coming Sunday.

C. Communications – EH went out on the 8th of the month. Information is still not getting in on time. They will be having a committee meeting later this month; if you are interested, let David know and he will include them in scheduling that.

D. Membership – No new membership classes lately, but Devin will be bringing it up with people who are new. He and Jamie will be revising the membership class, but not until after God Auction!

1. **Library** – Jamie and Erin noticed a problem with the email notifications for people wanting to borrow things. She and David (and Kit if necessary) will troubleshoot it this afternoon, if possible. Also, Lizzy still has the CueCat; once Jamie gets it back from her, it'll go to Rosemary and then Greta. Amanda wants it next after that.

E. Finance – John was called into work this morning; Linda made the report. John spoke to the IRS at length and sent them a check about a week and a half ago. They also sent yet another “we are backlogged and will get to your request as soon as possible” on the older case, but they “will not tell us if the case is open or closed”; it is apparently Heisenberg Uncertainty's Case? All deposits were made, and all bills have been paid on time.

F. Site – the committee has not met since the last RfB.

G. Welcoming – The Coalition for Welcoming Ministries met a few weeks ago; they are mainly working on existing issues. However there was an issue that came up last week where a conference coming into town (“Living Healthy?”) was discovered to have an anti-GLBT minister as a major speaker, included a religious service, etc. KCMO's City Council pulled the Neighborhood Tourism money, and someone contacted the Coalition about whether or not they had a statement. David wondered if we wanted to make a statement ourselves. Greta recommended making a statement of kudos to KCMO for pulling funding from the conference, and Cynthia wanted us to state that we manage to incorporate GLBT issues positively into our religious services.

H. Ritual Teams – voted Kelley onto Teams this month. They are working feverishly toward the God Auction. They are also starting to take Minutes (and attendance) on a flash drive

attached to the Mac in the office.

I. Caring – “We still care.”, is the subject line of the report from Jacki (by way of Jamie). The new directory has been put on hold until after God Auction.

J. Nominating Committee – they have a candidate for Secretary, to be dealt with under New Business.

K. Stewardship – no meeting in July because of... God Auction! They are currently thinking the Oct. 24th for the Fall Bazaar.

IV. Old Business

A. General Assembly Report – Peter Morales is the new UUA president. The Peacemaking Resolution did not pass; neither did the Article 2 revisions. All six Actions of Immediate Witness passed (advocate for clean, honest and fair elections in the U.S., ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty by the U.S., the U.S.'s Red Rock Wilderness Act, support for Bolivian UUs struggling for justice and human rights, a call for a commission of inquiry into U.S-sponsored torture, and to oppose sexual orientation & gender-identity-based violence in Iraq). Amanda went to the University track on Multi-generational issues, and Cynthia went to the Stewardship track. They also went to workshops on ethical eating, building funds and finding. They also collected information on the UU United Nations office, Interweave, the polyamory focus group, and other things. They have collected a LOT of information, which was made available on the table during RfB and will be available in future weeks as well. Cynthia gathered information on the “Standing on the Side of Love” campaign, which is about resisting oppression, discrimination, and violence against people based on their identity. It also endorses an end to workplace violence, and wants us to have a “SSL team” (not sure how that would differ from our Welcoming Congregations committee). Cynthia thought it might be useful for us to do a basic financial education class for our membership; that would be new business. She also found that the UUA has a policy standard in place for dealing with sexual offenders in congregations.

Next year's bylaws amendments were released and can be studied/decided upon, as well. The Statements of Conscience with regard of ethical eating and peacemaking should also be looked at and reflected on by our congregation. Cynthia thought perhaps we could have a 'forum' or class on a Sunday that would allow our delegates to pass on the information they discovered at General Assembly. Kit asked Cynthia to bring it up at the next Ritual Teams meeting so we can adjust the schedule if possible to include such a thing. David recommended that we look at adjusting the second half of the year schedules in future years to allow for such an event.

B. SMUUCH's move – Cynthia also heard during the van ride to the airport that the President of SMUUCH has found a great piece of property that he's interested in moving the congregation to; they will have to do a lot of fundraising and research before they decide anything, and the president thought they might get somewhere on it by the end of the year. He was not willing to say exactly where the property was (even to his own congregational members) this early in the investigations, however. Site Committee should be aware that they are still looking at moving, however slowly and rustily.

V. New Business

- A. Secretary Nomination** – Jamie reported that they have found a candidate for the remainder of David's term as Secretary: Rosemary Harris. Rosemary mentioned that she may be getting a laptop for her birthday. David said that he has had no problem getting ahold of her and doesn't anticipate a problem in communicating as Communications Chair (for the newsletter, etc). Linda said she will probably be working Faire this fall, but she believes it will not prevent Rosemary from attending the September and October Rituals for Business. Voted affirmatively to have her take over the Secretary position after this meeting.
- B. UUPA** – The Unitarian Universalists for Polyamory Awareness have traditionally had geographic-based chapters (city or region), and Amanda wanted to know if Gaia Community, with much of its membership being either polyamorous or poly-friendly, would like to support such a chapter in Kansas City. There was confusion on what exactly 'support' would mean. Kit mentioned that there appears to be a perception (right or wrong) that if a congregation has a Covenant Group, it is "gauche" for members of other congregations to attend those groups' events. It would be difficult to form it as an official Covenant Group of Gaia Community, because of our requirement that half of the membership come from our congregation (if we get a lot of members from All Souls or Lawrence, for example). Kit, Amanda, Judy, and other local poly-folk are going to start the local chapter, they are just asking for our support. Amanda proposed to have the local UUPA chapter be 'sponsored' by Gaia Community, and meet on our Third Tuesday slot on even months of the year. Tabled until the group forms and they know more about what they will look like, need from the congregation.
- C. Study Action Group** – The UUA uses these to look into ideas for Statements of Conscience, and perhaps draft a proposal for General Assembly. Amanda proposed to have a SAG to study the use of liturgy in other UU congregations, particularly those that are pagan-leaning, and decide whether to propose a standardized "Gaian liturgy", and bring it back to the Committee of the Whole within six months. Cynthia wondered if people had to have any ritual experience; the group agreed that they don't need such, and indeed we would want non-ritualists involved. Most people wanted the people involved in the group to be members of the community, however, to show commitment. The problem people are concerned about is making our volunteer ritualists come up with the entire setup and body of ritual every week. This might also assist with creating an altered state for people attending ritual, and publishing it so that everyone (ritualists, members, and visitors) would know what to expect... although it could be deviated from if the team of the week decided to do so.

Amanda offered to organize such a group; David had a concern about her being overbooked, with the task force she's on regarding applying for Association Sunday monies, and being involved in the creation of the UUPA group, etc. She said that she is working 17 hours a week right now, and only really working 2 hours of those 17, being bored much of the rest of the time. Group consensed to have Amanda form such a group, and report back in February. Kit has offered to facilitate that meeting.

- D. Committee of the Whole/Ritual Teams Intersection** – Greta had a concern (brought up earlier) that Ritual Teams is not accountable to the congregation as a whole; they have closed meetings, they vote new members on themselves, they critique their own rituals, etc. Kit proposed that we hold a town hall-style forum on August 18th to discuss what it means to be lay-led. The group consensed to do so.

Cynthia also wanted to take some time to discuss what it means to be a UU congregation. That would be another town hall meeting, perhaps in September or October; David asked what the immediacy of this question is? Cynthia said that it will inform whether or not we grow, try to get a building, do Study Action Groups and other UU-style actions and events. If we don't want those things, then we could save money and be "just a pagan group" in Kansas City. That would be a discussion to be held September 15th (with Cynthia facilitating), and having the October 20th Tuesday be about an examination of our mission statement and our vision. Kelley or Greta could facilitate that one; Greta will find out for sure who can run that meeting. Group consensed to the two additional meetings.

- E. Action Items from General Assembly** – tabled until next month.
- F. Closet** – it is breeding again. Greta suggested that we have some single person in charge of what does and doesn't go into the closet; maybe ask through the newsletter/announcements? No action taken by the CoW.
- G. Welcoming Response** – In regards to the matter of the conference that KCMO rejected, people were interested in having an official response from our congregation in a positive fashion. Greta recommended making a statement of kudos to KCMO for pulling funding from the conference, and Cynthia wanted us to state that we manage to incorporate GLBT issues positively into our religious services. David will publish it on the website, newsletter, announcements, and a press release (including to the sponsoring organization of the conference itself).

Meeting adjourned at 12:10PM.

– *David, Outgoing Secretary*
– *Rosemary, Incumbent Secretary*

Agenda for the August 8th Ritual for Business:

- Report from the task force looking at applying for Association Sunday monies
- Final report from God Auction fundraiser
- Action Items from General Assembly
- Regular business (committee reports, etc.)



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– *David, Editor*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 4-6 PM: Farewell to Thor	27	28 ☾	29 7-8PM: Comm. Committee meeting	30	31	1 1-5 PM: Craft Circle @ David & Kimberly's
2 2-3:30: <u>Voices of Gaia</u> 3:30-4: <u>Sacred Rhythms</u> 4-7 PM: <u>The Tailteann Games Ritual (Lughnassadh)</u>	3 7-9 PM: <u>Ritual Teams Meeting @ SMUUCH</u>	4	5	6	7	8 9:30-11:30 AM: <u>Ritual for Business @ SMUUCH</u> 7:30PM: <u>Women's Full Moon Goddess Ritual</u>
9 2-3:30: <u>Voices of Gaia</u> 3:30-4: <u>Sacred Rhythms</u> 4-6 PM: <u>Class on the New Patron (Thoth)</u>	10	11 7-8 PM: <u>Social Justice Committee Meeting @ Andrew's</u>	12	13 ☽	14 7-9PM: <u>Storytelling Group @ Greta's</u>	15
16 1 PM: <u>KidSpace Meeting</u> 2-3:30: <u>Voices of Gaia</u> 3:30-4: <u>Sacred Rhythms</u> 4-6 PM: <u>Ritual to Welcome the New Patron</u>	17	18 7 PM: <u>Town Hall Meeting on Being Lay-Led</u>	19	20 ●	21 7-9 PM: <u>Games Night @ SMUUCH</u>	22
23 2-3:30: <u>Voices of Gaia</u> 3:30-4: <u>Sacred Rhythms</u> 4-6 PM: <u>Shadow Walk Ritual</u>	24	25	26	27 ☾	28 7 PM: <u>Supper Club @ Jun's Japanese, 7660 State Line Rd, Prairie Village, KS</u>	29 10A-6P: <u>Pagan Pride Day @ Macken Park, 1194 Clark Ferguson Drive, NKC</u>
30 2-3:30: <u>Voices of Gaia</u> 3:30-4: <u>Sacred Rhythms</u> 4-6 PM: <u>Workshop on Applied Urban Sustainability</u>	31	1 7-9 PM: <u>Ritual Teams Meeting @ SMUUCH</u>	2	3	4 ○	5 1-5 PM: <u>Craft Circle @ David & Kimberly's</u>