



# EARTH HEALER



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An Earth-Based, Pagan-Themed, Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Kansas City

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## Gaia's Annual Garage Sale!

Got stuff you don't need? Need stuff you don't have? On June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, from 8AM to 6PM or so, Gaia Community will have our annual garage sale, a great way to help out your household, other people's households, and the community all at the same time. The sale will be held at David, Kimberly, and Via's house, 1306 E 118th Street, Kansas City, MO 64131. If you have stuff that you would like to donate, contact one of the folks listed above, or just bring it over. At this late stage you'll probably have to haul it yourself, but someone may be able to help transport larger items if you call ahead.

We will also need people to help with the sale on both Friday and Saturday. We'll need help moving things out of the garage and onto the lawn in the mornings, to sit watch over the sale (which mostly involves sitting on the porch with a cool beverage and being friendly to shoppers), and also to help put things back away in the evenings.

Finally, of course, we'll need shoppers. So, come on by on the days of the sale and browse, and bring a friend or two! We also welcome any word-of-mouth or free advertising you can do on our behalf, to help make this a successful fundraiser for the community. Anyone with questions should contact Kimberly at 816-914-3227 or David at 816-508-9086.

- *Stewardship Committee*

## God Auction 2009

The 7th annual God Auction is almost upon us. We will choose our patron for 2009-2010 on July 12<sup>th</sup>, between Eris, Hermes, Isis, and Thoth. The whole community chooses the new patron, voting with their donations of food, money, and now, time.

We have traditionally collected monetary donations for Gaia Community and food donations for Harvesters at the God Auction, with one dollar or one food item counting as one point for the potential patron receiving it. This year, we will add pledges of time into the mix; a community member or friend can pledge up to 25 hours of service to one or more of Gaia's committees in return for an equal number of points to spend at the God Auction.

If you wish to make a pledge of time for the God Auction, please arrive a few minutes early on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, to pick up your point tokens. Each token will represent five hours of service, and be worth five points in the Auction, and will have a place for you to fill out your name and contact information, as well as the name of the committee you are pledging service to. After the God Auction, the tokens will be given to the committee heads, and if you have made a pledge of service to a committee, the head of that committee will contact you to talk about ways to fulfill your pledge.

Gaia's committees include: Caring, Communications, Finance, KidSpace, Membership, Ritual Teams, Site, Social Justice, Stewardship, and Welcoming Congregations. To find out more about what these committees do, visit our website, at <http://www.gaiacommunity.org/committees>, or visit the Greeters' Table on Sunday and ask to see the committee list.

- *Ritual Teams Committee*

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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

**Voices of Gaia** (almost every week before ritual, at SMUUCH): Voices of Gaia is Gaia Community's choir. We sing pagan chants and songs, usually with harmony parts, for rituals and other events. We meet Sundays from 2-3:30 p.m. downstairs at SMUUCH. We are once again welcoming singers of all voice parts, though the majority of our core group is currently female. Our primary requirement is that you can match pitch, though some familiarity with reading music is useful. If you have questions, please contact Kitty Degler at [voicesofgaia@gaiacommunity.org](mailto:voicesofgaia@gaiacommunity.org) or in person.

**Ritual Teams Meeting** (6/3, 6:45 PM, at SMUUCH): All active ritualists must attend at least one meeting a quarter; please contact Devin or Eric, the joint Ritual Teams Coordinators, in person or at [rtc@gaiacommunity.org](mailto: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 (they have blue ribbons on their nametags) know!

**Craft Circle** (6/6, 1-5 PM, at Kimberly and David's house): Craft Circle *will be* at Kimberly and David's house during the garage sale this month. Any project you have or craft you'd like to share with the group is welcome.

**Women's Sacred Moon Ritual** (6/6, 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** (6/9, 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](mailto:sj@gaiacommunity.org) or find him in person. The committee will be working on the ongoing environmental activism project.

**Ritual for Business** (6/13, 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 should be sent to a board member, as shown to the right. This month we must approve a 2009-2010 budget, before it takes effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. See pages 5 and 6 for the proposed budget.

**Stewardship Committee:** Stewardship does not have a scheduled meeting for June; get in touch with Kimberly or Kit by email at [stewardship@gaiacommunity.org](mailto:stewardship@gaiacommunity.org) or in person if you'd like to be a part of this committee.

**Games Night** (6/19, 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.

**KidSpace Coordinating Committee** (6/21, 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](mailto: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.

**Friday Night Supper Club** (6/26, 7 PM): June's supper club will be at the Dragon Inn, a Chinese restaurant at 7500 West 80th in downtown Overland Park, KS. Please watch the announcements for who to RSVP in person, as this may be changing after the June Ritual for Business; you may also RSVP on [Meetup.com](http://Meetup.com), [Facebook](http://Facebook), or by email to [fnsc@gaiacommunity.org](mailto:fnsc@gaiacommunity.org).

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[board@gaiacommunity.org](mailto:board@gaiacommunity.org)!

## Caring Connections Corner

Birthdays for this month include Jennifer on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dani on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Matt on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Erin and James E. on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Amanda, Barbara, and Ruairi all on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Kelley on the 13<sup>th</sup>, Suesann on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Nicole on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and Tony on the 27<sup>th</sup>! Please let the Caring Committee know of any others that we're missing, and congratulations and blessings to all those folks for another trip around the sun. Also, please keep Aubry in your thoughts as she has been hospitalized recently with what seems to be pneumonia.

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](mailto:caring@gaiacommunity.org).



# 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 for the next two months to see if it flows better while still providing interaction between our KidSpace and adult programming. If you have questions or feedback, please contact someone with a red ribbon on their wooden nametag.*

## **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** **Forum — Pagan Parenting**

*Facilitators: Erin and Linda*

The old saying tells us that kids do not have manuals on how to raise them. Paganism has no manual either. For many of us, this is the first generation in a very long time to be raised openly pagan. How do we raise our community's children to "care for the Earth and each other" under the large umbrella of neo-paganism? Join us for a discussion and examination of how we parent as pagans, how we can all help guide the children, and listen and learn from the ideas of others. Everyone's input is needed because it really does take a village.... however, our youth are unlikely to find today's service interesting or fulfilling.

*Note: The potential "Storytelling Covenant Group" that was brought up as an idea after last month's storytelling class will meet briefly after ritual this Sunday to discuss plans and expectations for what to do next. If you're interested in that, stay after ritual or get in touch with Andrew.*

## **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** **Ritual — Manifesting Destiny** *(Americana arc)*

*Ritualists: Barbara, Devin, and Eric*

This will be the third in our series of 'Americana' rituals for 2009, dealing with the special topic of paganism, especially European-based neopaganism, in a North American context. Kids younger than the Trees class are unlikely to find today's service particularly interesting or fulfilling as it is geared toward the adults, although it may touch on some things they've covered in the past school year.

## **Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **Ritual — The Wands** *(Tarot arc, Summer Solstice)*

*Ritualists: Erin, Jeff, Kit, and Jacki*

Welcome to the Court of the Wands. Here we will learn about the wands suit of the tarot. This is the fourth and final ritual in our tarot arc. Kids above nursery-age are welcome to attend with their parents if they do not wish to go to KidSpace, but the service will be geared toward the adults.

As with all high holidays, the ritual will be followed by a potluck meal, so bring a dish, drink, or dessert to feed at least eight people, and bring your own place settings if possible so we do not have to use disposable plastic or paper dishes!

## **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** **Workshop — Mini Altars**

*Facilitators: Cheryl and Linda*

Have the tools for worship at your fingertips wherever you go. Each person will have the opportunity to create either a small shrine to a specific deity or being of their choice, or a pocket-sized altar-in-a-box. Materials and instructions will be provided for both options, but it would be appreciated if anyone who wishes to make both items would bring a container for their second one. If anyone has any spare containers, we'd love for you to bring extra to share. Appropriate containers for shrines are empty and well-washed sardine tins or other flat containers of similar size and shape.

Kids above nursery-age are welcome to attend with their parents, but the service will be geared toward the adults.

*Ritual Teams*

### **Currently Active Ritualists**

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

*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.*

### **A Look Ahead to Next Month...**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> — Forum on Pagan Parenting**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> — Ritual: Manifesting Destiny (Americana arc)**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> — Ritual: The Wands (Summer Solstice, Tarot arc)**

**June 28<sup>th</sup> — Workshop: Mini Altars**

## *KidSpace Information*

Beltane was intergenerational. Instead of cookies, the children made and sold tissue paper flowers, a Swedish tradition of midsummer. They raised over \$20. Thank you to all in the community who assisted us in this activity.

The monthly Kidspace Committee meeting was held at Dunn's Coffeehouse on Metcalf on Sunday, May 17. Rosemary, Barbara, Linda, and Coyote attended. Topics of conversation included the RFB proposal that passed (Rosemary will be joining the ritualists on June 3 to review it), possible field trips, and the upcoming budget (June 13 at 9:30 am). Also discussed was special lessons that will tie in with the upcoming God Auction (Eris and Hermes to be covered on June 28 and Isis and Thoth to be covered July 5. Offerings to be made in each class and the students will decide which deity to give their offering to at the end of the God Auction). Scheduling of teachers was also discussed. The next Kidspace Committee meeting will be June 21 at 1pm, at Dunn's Brothers Coffee, near Half Price Books on Metcalf. All are welcome to attend.

The Trees continue their lessons with Coyote:

- June 7 - Metaphysics: In this session we will continue our work on Grounding, Centering, Shielding, and Meditation.
- June 14 - Metaphysics: In this session we will continue our work on Grounding, Centering, Shielding, and Meditation.
- June 21 - Metaphysics: In this session we will conclude our work on Grounding, Centering, Shielding, and Meditation.
- June 28 - Social Justice: Eris and Hermes to be covered. Offerings to be made in each class and the students will decide which deity to give their offering to at the end of the God Auction.

The Saplings continue their exploration of the world's religions during the month of June. Having finished with the basics of Tibetan Buddhism, they will now look at Shinto beliefs and Confucianism. They will be looking at the possible patrons for Gaia Community on June 28 and July 5, also doing offerings during the God Auction July 12.

The Shoots continue their learning of the elements with water and earth. They are also being introduced to ritual opening and closing.

Our Kidspace Coordinator, Linda Boyce, is also the Children's Realm Coordinator at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival. That is one area of the faire where families can volunteer as a group, even with young children. If you and/or your family would like more information about volunteering, please contact Linda at [lboyce@mindspring.com](mailto:lboyce@mindspring.com).

Additional notes: Thank you to Andrew Turner for teaching the children on May 10. He chose to give his teacher's pay to The New Home Fund.

*- KidSpace Committee*

## Budget Proposal

Below is the proposed budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year (starting July 1<sup>st</sup>). It must be approved in its final form before it goes into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, so if you have input or questions, please attend the Ritual for Business on July 13<sup>th</sup> or contact John Boyce (information is on page 2).

2009-2010 Gaia Community Proposed Budget	Proposed 2009-2010	Approved 2008-2009
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Member Pledges	\$15,443.00	\$28,523.00
Friends of Gaia	\$0.00	\$500.00
Greening the Basket	\$500.00	\$500.00
Social Justice/Charity	\$0.00	\$300.00
<i>Total Donations</i>	<i>\$15,943.00</i>	<i>\$29,823.00</i>
<b>Fundraisers</b>		
God Auction	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Longest Night Ball	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Bazaar	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
Garage Sale	\$750.00	\$750.00
Goods (Bumper Stickers)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Other	\$50.00	\$50.00
<i>Total Fundraisers</i>	<i>\$5,310.00</i>	<i>\$5,310.00</i>
<b>Fees</b>		
Excellence In Ritual Fees	\$140.00	\$140.00
<i>Total Fees</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Kidspace Cookie Money	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$22,493.00</b>	<b>\$35,473.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Staff</b>		
Kidspace Coordinator	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
Kidspace Teachers	\$3,680.00	\$9,360.00
Non-Sunday Childcare	\$0.00	\$100.00
<i>Total Staff</i>	<i>\$4,880.00</i>	<i>\$11,860.00</i>
<b>Religious Education</b>		
Kidspace Supplies	\$300.00	\$900.00
Kidspace Discretionary \$	\$200.00	\$200.00
<i>Total RE</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>	<i>\$1,100.00</i>
<b>Dues</b>		
UUA Annual Fund	\$2,700.00	\$2,520.00
Prairie Star District	\$1,000.00	\$967.00
<i>Total Dues</i>	<i>\$3,700.00</i>	<i>\$3,487.00</i>
<b>Social Justice Committee</b>		
Charitable Giving	\$0.00	\$300.00
<i>Total Social Justice</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
<b>Communications</b>		
Newsletter Print/Postage	\$604.00	\$604.00
Brochures	\$50.00	\$50.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$150.00
Website & Domain Name	\$120.00	\$100.00
Telephone	\$250.00	\$250.00
Postage (non-newsletter)	\$50.00	\$50.00
Post Office Box	\$70.00	\$70.00
Copying/Printing	\$200.00	\$200.00
<i>Total Communications</i>	<i>\$1,344.00</i>	<i>\$1,474.00</i>

**Membership Committee**

Membership packets	\$0.00	\$50.00
New Member Gifts	\$0.00	\$200.00
Pledge Sunday Gifts	\$0.00	\$250.00
<i>Total Membership</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>

**Site Committee**

Search Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
<i>Total Site</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>

**Welcoming Congregations**

Membership in KCCWM	\$50.00	\$50.00
Tabling other events	\$200.00	\$200.00
<i>Total Welcoming</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>

**Ritual Teams**

Ritual Supplies	\$0.00	\$650.00
Rental Fees for Retreat	\$0.00	\$150.00
<i>Total Ritual Teams</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$800.00</i>

**Caring Committee**

Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Total Caring Committee</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>

**Nominating Committee**

Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Total Nom Com</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>

**Finance Committee**

Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Total Finance</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>

**Stewardship Committee**

Harvest Bazaar	\$550.00	\$550.00
Longest Night Ball	\$550.00	\$500.00
UUA Consultant Fund	\$0.00	\$500.00
T-Shirt Printing	\$0.00	\$700.00
<i>Total Stewardship</i>	<i>\$1,100.00</i>	<i>\$2,250.00</i>

**Facilities**

Ritual Space	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
New Home Fund	\$49.00	\$100.00
Bazaar Rental	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Insurance	\$410.00	\$390.00
<i>Total Facilities</i>	<i>\$10,559.00</i>	<i>\$10,590.00</i>

**Administration**

Conferences	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Office Supplies	\$50.00	\$50.00
Bank Fees	\$25.00	\$25.00
Incorporation Paperwork	\$75.00	\$75.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$30.00
<i>Total Administration</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>	<i>\$4,180.00</i>
<b><i>Total Expenses</i></b>	<b><i>\$22,493.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$37,241.00</i></b>

## Ritual for Business Minutes for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*Started at 9:52 AM*

*In attendance: David, Kimberly, John, Devin, Erin, Linda, Rosemary, Kate, Amanda*

- I. **Approval of Agenda** – approved
- II. **Minutes** – approved
- III. **Committee Reports**

**A. Finance** – written report submitted. Current balance of the main account is \$8,509.90. KidSpace account currently has \$2,015.00; New Home Fund currently has \$24,029.99. Budgeted pledges for the year was \$29,161; current pledges are \$14,246, or about half. John expects another 10% or so to be paid at the end of the fiscal year, bringing us up to 60% of total expectations.

**B. Stewardship** – Via will hopefully be here later to talk about the budget; we are also planning the annual Garage Sale. David and Kimberly's garage has been cleaned out and can accept stuff; call first and see if they're home.

**C. Site** – Lizzy was not present so there was no report. There have been no meetings of late.

**D. Ritual Teams** – Assigned ritual slots for the second half of 2009. God Auction has its Gods and Scribes already. Penny Auction brought in \$426.33. Amanda is back on teams, and the EiR interns have interview teams assigned.

**E. KidSpace** – written report was submitted. Kids will be at part of the Sing to the Lady ritual. Kate donated some new baby dolls.

**F. Communications** – Earth Healer went out on the 5th due to . The Board has a new listserv hosted through our new website. Any committee can have one if they want; KidSpace is interested, and Stewardship was the guinea pig for the first one. Stewardship needs a new password though. Jamie is the new Announcements person.

**G. Membership** – The new greeter's table has been staffed pretty much every week now, and Jamie is in charge of reminding people to do so. Jamie is working with Devin on revising the New Member Class; they are adding a third session to cover the Budget and Consensus process in specific.

**H. Caring** – Jacki is at EarthFest and there was no report.

**I. Social Justice** – KidSpace has started doing Social Justice Sundays again; the teens did a program on Mumia Abu-Jamal, and the younger classes created tissue paper flowers to be used in rituals. The cleanup at 65th & Paseo was a success; 5 members of Gaia, one kid from Gaia, and several local residents (and one person who was just driving by). David is talking to the Missouri Stream Team about becoming sponsors for some river or creek in the metropolitan area.

**J. Welcoming** – Gay Pride Festival will be on the same weekend as our community garage sale. However we'll be present as the 'Sunday morning' crew when most Christian groups are holding their church services.

**K. Nominating Committee** – written report submitted.

#### IV. Old Business

**A. Sacred Grove** (Women's Group) – Kate brought in a proposal for the Women's Group that has been meeting for the last several months. Kimberly pointed out that “transsexual men” is not the right term, it should say “transgender women” which is what was actually meant. Kimberly also advised to avoid use of the term “trannie” as it's offensive to some people. Added that they are requesting space usage and communications privileges through the community. Clarified that

membership in the covenant group is limited to those who are also members of Gaia Community. Leading rituals is mostly done by Gaia members, but also others help out on occasion. Putting on rituals is not required to be a member of the Covenant Group, however. They take up donations at the rituals, which usually make up part of the expenses of putting on the ritual in the first place. Kimberly and Devin floated the idea of having the Women's Group doing a ritual sometime in 2010; something for them to discuss and come back to us about if they are interested. Group consented to the covenant as amended, with Via standing aside because she came into the discussion late.

**B. Association Sunday** – The UUA takes up monies once a year and then redirects the money into grants for specific topics. Last year's donations are being earmarked for lay ministry development; David proposed that Kimberly, Amanda, and David form a task force to look into the grant application over the next two months and report back on the feasibility. Approved.

**C. Lease Update** – Erin does not have the information yet from Lizzy, but will know more soon. She needs dates for the coming fiscal year from all groups.

#### V. New Business

**A. KidSpace Proposal** – Coyote and Rosemary wrote up a proposal regarding the practice of having the children present at the beginning of ritual. Their presentation said that feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with no one actually calling for an end to the process. Kimberly and others voiced the concern that this was inaccurate; several people had brought up concerns to her and at the Ritual Teams Meeting in April. David read the section of those minutes so that they were voiced. Some of the people there have changed their opinion on this partially, some with either an age-limit or with better behavior by the kids that has been seen recently. Amanda brought up the idea of having a “mini-church” at 3:45 for the kids primarily, and then start the full adult ritual afterward. Kimberly pointed out that 3:45 is infeasible for Sacred Rhythms and the ritualists themselves, but having it from 4:00-4:15 will solve one problem with the way people come late; also people who don't want to be there for that will self-select out for that time frame. Amanda modified the proposal to do a 4:00-4:15 “mini-church” every week, with Rosemary or Linda's assistance if necessary if the team hits a roadblock, and starting in June (or May if teams then can work it in, like Castle Yesod). Ritual will then start proper most weeks at 4:15PM. Via brought up that the new proposal might work well for the younger kids, but the older ones who have been getting something out of ritual lately, might be bored again and not get as much out of a “storytime”. Amanda and Kimberly pointed out that those older kids already have the ability/expectation to stay upstairs for the entire ritual, if they feel like they will get something out of it. David wonders if the older kids are now feeling 'pushed out' by being sung out? We'll try it for two months and look at it in August at the Ritual for Business. Via suggested that rather than using a song, we drum them out and KidSpace can look for a song in the meantime if they want. Consented.

**B. Budget 2009-2010** – There was a miscommunication between Stewardship and Finance on who was responsible for putting the numbers together into a formal budget proposal. Via will get together with John and make sure all of that information gets out well in advance of the June Ritual for Business.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:50AM.**

*- David, Secretary*

### *Agenda for the June 13<sup>th</sup> Ritual for Business:*

- *Discussion and consensus on the proposed 2009-2010 budget*
- *Updates on our Lease negotiations*
- *Regular business (committee reports, etc.)*



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– *David, Editor*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 2-3:30: <u>Voices of Gaia</u> 3:30-4: <u>Sacred Rhythms</u> 4 PM: <u>Ritual: The Castle Yesod</u>	1	2	3 7PM: <u>Ritual Teams Meeting @ SMUUCH</u>	4	5 8AM-6PM: <u>Gaia Garage Sale @ David &amp; Kimberly's</u>	6 8AM-6PM: <u>Gaia Garage Sale @ David &amp; Kimberly's</u> 1PM: <u>Craft Circle @ D&amp;K's porch</u> 7:30PM: <u>Women's Full Moon Goddess Ritual</u>
7 2-3:30: <u>Voices of Gaia</u> 3:30-4: <u>Sacred Rhythms</u> 4 PM: <u>Forum on Pagan Parenting</u> 6PM: <u>Storytelling Group Planning Meeting @ SMUUCH</u>	8	9 7 PM: <u>Social Justice Committee Meeting @ Andrew's</u>	10	11	12	13 9:30-11:30 AM: <u>Ritual for Business @ SMUUCH</u>
14 1 PM: <u>KidSpace Meeting</u> 2-3:30: <u>Voices of Gaia</u> 3:30-4: <u>Sacred Rhythms</u> 4 PM: <u>Ritual: Manifesting Destiny (Americana arc)</u>	15 ☉	16	17	18	19 7 PM: <u>Games Night @ SMUUCH</u>	20
21 2-3:30: <u>Voices of Gaia</u> 3:30-4: <u>Sacred Rhythms</u> 4 PM: <u>Ritual: The Wands (Tarot arc, Summer Solstice)</u>	22 ●	23	24	25	26 7 PM: <u>Supper Club @ Dragon Inn, 7500 W. 80<sup>th</sup>, Overland Park</u>	27
28 2-3:30: <u>Voices of Gaia</u> 3:30-4: <u>Sacred Rhythms</u> 4 PM: <u>Workshop/Class on Mini Altars</u>	29 ☾	30	1	2 7PM: <u>Ritual Teams Meeting @ SMUUCH</u>	3	4 1PM: <u>Craft Circle @ David &amp; Kimberly's</u>