

# The Atheopagan Society

*Revering the Earth, Advancing Humanity*

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES October 2021

### *In Attendance:*

Arwen Hubbard

Mark Green

James Morgenstern

C. Wendt

Lilith Uhler

Jon Cleland Host

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The meeting opened with Lilith performing a reading of Alison Chisholm's poem Canadian Geese.

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

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### **(1) Approving Minutes from last Council meeting**

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

After noting one typo (“TicToc” instead of “TikTok”), the Minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

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## **(2) Education Committee**

The Educational Resources webpages are prepared to be deployed to Atheopagan.org. Due to family issues, Robin was not present at the meeting to share the redesign of **The Library**; its launch ritual date has been postponed. Once she is available we will schedule time during an Atheopagan Mixer to hold the launch ritual for The Library. An ad has been prepared for this event.

### *NEW ACTION ITEMS:*

Colette – touch base with Robin for a new launch date for The Library  
Robin – Present The Library’s launch ritual (date TBD)  
Mark – Post the ad for the launch ritual on Facebook (once date finalized)

### *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

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## **(3) Media/Outreach Committee**

Arwen, James, and Mark comprise this Committee; they recently met to plan strategy. Development of the YouTube channel has not yet been pursued yet; however, volunteers have been identified.

A Spring Equinox launch for the channel was proposed, with a target of releasing 1 – 2 videos per month, with 3 – 4 people sharing different voices and perspectives. Arwen has volunteered to do all the editing and volunteer coordination.

There are plans to update the look and feel of the channel (features, formatting), and to brand it with a video logo and possibly also a photo montage. Select Atheopagans can be highlighted with quotes such as "*I'm in Nome, Alaska, and I'm an Atheopagan!*".

Rose can create an intro and outro to videos; James agreed to contact Rose.

#### **NEW ACTION ITEMS:**

James – Contact Rose to create intro/outro to videos

Committee – Hold a break-out meeting to solidify timeline and report this back to the Council

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#### **(4) Finance Committee**

Bank Account –

A Board Resolution Form has been created, signed by the Secretary, and returned to Mark. The bank account was created at Redwood Credit Union shortly after the meeting; it currently holds ~\$1400 in funds. Mark will be transferring the SunTree event funds into the account.

The Atheopagan website hosting costs ~\$100 annually; this can be funded from the TAPS account.

A PayPal account for TAPS was proposed.

***NEW ACTION ITEMS:***

Mark – Transfer SunTree event funds to the Redwood Credit Union account

Mark – Create PayPal for TAPS, and change the Donation link from the website to point to this new account. The SunTree event link can also be changed to the new account.

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**(5) SunTree Event**

The event committee has been meeting every two weeks. Mark shared the impressive proposed program schedule, which includes an opening ceremony, procession, yurts, firewalking, fire circles, 8 workshops/activities, bardic circle, telescopes/star-gazing, an Atheopagan trivia game, a walkable labyrinth, a ritual meal, a side trip to the Garden of the Gods, and a live broadcast of The Wonder podcast.

30 Atheopagans have registered so far; we are hoping for 50 registrants.

A contact for the event, Joy, lives in Denver and has organized Pagan events at this site before.

***NEW ACTION ITEM:***

Mark – Post call for more workshops via Facebook, the Discord, the cleric distribution list, etc.

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## **(6) Diversity Committee**

Robin was not present and no committee update was provided.

*ACTION ITEMS remaining open:*

Robin – Post call for Committee membership on Discord

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

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

Robin/James – contact Rose Arcati

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## **(7) New Business**

**The Atlas.** Lilith proposed the creation of a new sub-page on the Atheopagan site – a nature travel guide for Atheopagans to be called The Atlas. The page will focus on sites that have spiritual meaning and are accessible and low-cost.

The goal is to create a searchable resource for Atheopagan-recommended *magical* spots with a deep connection to Nature.

For example, Blakely State Park, a civil war history site, has one huge, old tree that is, according to legend, “very cool!”. Or it could be a fountain (such as one of Daphne); it need not be strictly natural so long as it has *woo*.

We want contributors to add details on how to get to the site, and include a personal story and photos. Not just a link to the site!

The posts should be tagged with multiple keywords to aid in searches.

We can start by polling Facebook and Discord for submissions. We want to get diverse responses – not just from Americans! Perhaps ask 3 questions.

Note: You don't have to share your secret magical places if you don't want to!

**The Atheopagan Voice** (clerics monthly newsletter). To call on other clerics for submissions. E.g., issues when officiating weddings, rites of passage, and Submit a Ritual.

*NEW ACTION ITEMS:*

Lilith & Mark – Compose the communication about The Atlas to the community & promote it – tag it as an Announcement

Mark – Request submissions to the Atheopagan Voice from our community of clerics

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*ACTION ITEMS remaining open:*

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

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

Arwen – Send meeting video to all Council members who could not attend.

The next TAPS meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday after the Winter Solstice, or 29 December 2021.