

## 20160125 Barony of Cynnabar

### Anno Societatis L

Center Room, Pierpont Commons. Workshops 6:30 to 7:15. 7 attendees

Meeting 7:30- 8:30. 13 attendees

**Workshop Topics:** Tonight was *Good Books for Medievalists*, by Mistress Kay.

- Please join us at 6:30 for an interesting topic before each meeting.
- Please tell **Baroness Hannah** if you would like to present a workshop. All topics are of interest.
- We can get a Screen if anyone wishes one for their workshop. It may be possible to get a projector, too. Please discuss with Baroness Hannah.

*Feb 8 - Middle Eastern Dance Basics with Lady Fatima.* Work on some dances prior to Terp! Learn some basic Middle Eastern dance steps as an introduction to what can be learned at Terpsichore. Dance level (either beginner or more advanced) will be chosen day of class depending on who's in attendance.

*Feb 15 - European Dance with Mistress Alina.* Review some of the dances from the Terpsichore ball lists in advance of the event. Dance level (either beginner or more advanced) will be chosen day of class depending on who's in attendance.

*Feb 22 Attending Court as a Newcomer.* Attending court for the first time? Get a quick overview on what to do, learn who's who on the dais, and what to do should you be called into the presence.

### **Activity, Event & Demo Reports**

Garb Workday on Saturday had 12 people in the shop. A great turnout, says Ermenrich.

Newcomer's Day on Sunday was very successful. 11 newcomers had to share handouts. Ermenrich met 6 or 7 new names and says attendees enjoyed being the focus of the session. Almost all were students. Sarah brought 4. At least one reported finding us through North Fest. [SEE Chatelaine Report for recruiting discussion] There were many speakers. A repeat of this should add activities, reduce lecture time. Be more hands-on.

### **Upcoming Baronial Events and Demos**

**Terpsichore at the Tower (March 5, 2016)** St Paul United Church of Christ, Saline, MI Ceara is event steward. Budget ~~\$1000~~ 1/18/16 CHANGE to \$2500 (Final TBD). Break even ~~84 Adults~~. 1/18/16 CHANGE to 182 Adults

No Site Change per Ceara, after the Tuesday site visit by Claire

- **Website to be changed** to indicate the **Member Discount Rate**. Aaron will handle. SEE St Cecilia item for discussion
- Schedule will have to change due to Their Majesties wishes

**St. Cecilia at the Tower (Sat April 30- Sun May 1, 2016)** St Paul United Church of Christ, Saline, MI Mistress Jadwiga is event steward. Budget \$400. Break even 67 Adults.

No event updates, but started a discussion of recent ruling on Non Member Surcharge.

Giovanna reports it has been stated clearly that groups may advertise that Member prices are a Discount, rather than that Non Members are charged extra (much better marketing). The NMS must be paid, even if the group chooses not to charge attendees, and we do not need to call it a surcharge.

This affects St Cecilia, because gate is a donation. Aaron says that the event will track and pay the surcharge for non members. He will change the event web page to indicate that there is a discount for members, but there is no set gate fee, just a recommendation.

We will put an item on the February agenda to Change Cynnabar Financial Policy to always advertise Member Discount. Giovanna said that was the recommended way to handle this at the group level.

### **Old Business**

**Search for Minster of Youth Office** – no News

**Search for Cynnabar Pursuivant** – *Grey is interested.*

**Archery Marshal for Cynnabar:** Lady Godaeth Wisfaest. **2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 Meetings**

No negative remarks. Grey gave a strong recommendation of Godaeth's organizational skills and passion for archery. "Let her do it, she will be great." Grey promised to continue working with archers as a trainer.

### **New Business**

Proposal for Grand Day of Tournaments. **The complete document is attached at the end of the Minutes. These are NOTES for various sections of the document.** This Proposal INCLUDES training activities for Future Stewards, as a workshop series and opportunities to shadow staff members.

DATE: The home football game is a minor school; Maryland. Directions need to account for the game.

VISION: Have lots of pools, more list fields. How can we improve that and still have space for some seating? Use the format from Crown? It needs lots of help to set up court.

STAFF: Add a Hospitality person and greeters to walk people through to the farmers market if they come to our door. Be prepared to explain the event, Society.

Set up and Teardown Leader. Post GDoT 2015 discussion suggests this should be the same person or team leading both efforts, so what came in and how to put it away is known.

ADD a Minion to the Prizes/ Prize Coordinator team, so their Excellencies have help that day.

BUDGET:

Add a Prize budget. After discussion \$300 was set, to provide top prizes for Rapier Grand Tourney and Armored Pools (or whatever we call the main tourney), and maybe Thrown Weapons.

Lunch Tavern will be a separate proposal. This actually made about \$70 last year.

QUESTIONS Raised by Kay: Is there a way to move day camps out of the main hall to make more list space? Would it be possible to create performance spaces for musicians to schedule? Could we request strolling players?

### Other Group Discussion

**How can we best get news to Newcomers?** They may not be on the email list. Are we using Facebook effectively? Website is updated. SEE Officers Reports Webminister.

### **Spring Revel 2016** DATE TBD

- Their Excellencies are soliciting bids for the Spring Revel. Bids due 2/8/16.
- Island Park New Shelter is being HELD for us on Sunday April 17, 2016.
  - When I give Parks Customer Service Center **our Tax number** it will be charged as if we were a city resident, \$137 for the whole day.
  - 734.794.6230

### **Grand Day of Tournaments 2016 (Sat Nov 5, 2016)** Liberty School, Ann Arbor Saline Road, Saline, MI

- Event proposals are due today

### **Pentemere 12<sup>th</sup> Night 2017** DATE TBD

- Bids should be submitted by the first week of March.
- A Site is not yet Booked

### Status check on Approved Budget Items:

**Baronial Trailer** Budget \$3500-\$3950 Black, 5'x12'x6' single axle covered, lights, hitch kit.

- No News
- ***The build has been delayed by availability of the siding.*** Second half of payment will be \$1810. About \$390 under budget, allowing us to get the registration.
- **Registration & Insurance:** Kay needs empty weight of trailer, bill of sale, any docs we get, etc. She will get State Registration and send to SCA Inc for insurance.

**Shall we make a Royal Travel Fund Donation?** Ermenrich 10% of treasury, about \$1000

- Tabled to 4/2016, until Terpsichore costs are known **@ 2nd of 3 Meetings**

**Stickers with the Baronial Populace Badge** (and maybe name?) \$60-100

- No discussion

**Shall the Barony donate \$250 of Baronial Funds to support 50 Year Celebration in July?** This is for the General Fund of the event, no specific activity.

- **Ilse cut a check. Ermenrich will get it mailed. DONE**

### Announcements:

None not covered elsewhere.

**Officer Reports                      January 25, 2016**

(normally done on 4th Monday of each month)

Exchequer (Ilse) – \$11,873.33 Baroness Briana is paid (I think this says...)

Webminister (Aaron) – New Website. The latest revision to the Barony of Cynnabar website makes it easier for newcomers than ever, and it is Now MOBILE Friendly. Kay plans to test it out today.

The site is now easier to administer. Aaron is working on the calendar. His next big project rollout is the new, easier to use, Cynnabar Order of Precedence. This is what is taking up all his Society time now.

Fencing Marshal (William) –

Min A&S (Aeffe) – My quarterly report was submitted on the 15th of January and I received a reply from the regional A&S minister. I met with Their Excellencies to discuss ideas for the office and to answer questions. I attended and introduced myself at the new member meeting on January 23.

Min. Youth (Open) –

Chatelaine (Daye) – We should certainly do Newcomer's Day again. It's time to reinstate the student focused Revel on campus, too. How productive are Festifall, Northfest? Let's evaluate. Northfest this year may have been best, because it was near Engineering, Arts and Theatre buildings, fellow geeks.

Can we focus student recruiting on going where they are? Attend other groups with similar interests and tell them about the SCA? Can we get students more involved in student recruiting? "Adult" volunteers set up Festifall, but students man the table? Use more performances at all recruiting activities. Overall Cynnabar is in good shape for recruiting activities.

Chronicler (Gavriil) – The Newsletter page had an issue, but Gavriil got it fixed as soon as it was reported to him. Kay hears he is trying to get another issue out fast. I bet he wants content. I shall send him some.

Herald (Johannes) – Seeking a new Herald

Knight Marshal (Gregor) – Reports via Gregoire that he is often transporting loaner gear for people who do not come and then having to find gear for people who did not request in advance. Please reserve armor if you want to practice. It would be **courteous** to arrange to Meet Gregor at his car as he arrives and carry gear in.

Archery Marshal (Open) – Grey and Godaeth report a plan to start shooting at Dillon's in April.

A Make your own Arrow plan waits on a place to do it. Coating arrows with varnish needs to be done outdoors, and then the arrows dried for a week. Archers may borrow fletching jigs for 1 week to put on their feathers and points, then the set up goes to the next person. Good Plan!

Kay will check again with Kingdom Seneschal about posting practice with a contact number for the address.

Seneschal (Kay) – Trailer covered above.

**Should we revisit the Meeting Site?** Numbers dropped rather than increase. Even people urging us to move out of Classic Cup do not attend. We lost some folks I think were on the west side of town. Parking is not convenient. I am researching where Other Baronies meet.

Baron and Baroness (Kasha and Ermenrich) – Please write recommendation to Their Majesties, for Terpsichore. We do not expect to do any awards at Baronial Court at this time.

We are still a Barony.

## **Grand Day of Tournaments Proposal**

01/25/2016

Presented by Giovanna

**Date:** 11/05/2016

**Location:** Liberty School (already penciled in)

**Event Steward:** Mistress Giovanna Adimari

**Vision:**

How do we come together to offer participants fighting at the level and quantity of Candlemas, but also offering them the pomp and circumstance and atmosphere that would historically surround large tournaments? In addition to providing fun activities and opportunities for non-combatants, this year's Grand Day of Tournaments will fuse heraldry, music and arts and sciences alongside the tournaments that they support.

**Staff:**

Event Steward - Giovanna

First Deputy - Johannes

Gate -

Heraldry -

Music Coordinator -

Heavy MIC - Gregoire

Fencing MIC - Birke

Thrown Weapons - Grey

Fighting Hospitality - Godaeth

Lunch Tavern - Ilse/Hannah

Royalty Liaison - Daye

Prizes/Prize Coordinators - Their Excellencies

Gambling - Haus Lowenstoltz

Hospitality -

Set-Up/Tear-Down -

List Tables - Mistresses Claire

A&S Coordinator -

Merchants? -

**Budget:**

Site: \$1250

Photocopies: \$25

Fighter Food: \$30

Prize money: \$300

Fudge money: \$130

\*\*Total budget requested: \$1735

**Rate of Return:**

Site fee: \$10 (adult, member)

Break even: 174

**Tentative Schedule:**

9:00 - Gate open

9:00 - 10:00 - Authorizations/List check-in

10:00 - Opening Ceremonies

11:00 - Tournaments begin

11:00 - 2:00 - Lunch Tavern

4:00 - Tournament end

4:30/5:00 - Court (at the pleasure of Royalty)

7:30 - Site ends

**Additional Information:**

Tentative workshops based on this year's event:

- How to Run Gate
- Lunch Tavern/Feast - Baroness Hannah
- Royalty at an Event
- Putting the Event back in Events
- Maximizing Heraldry
- Running List Tables