Shire Meeting Notes
May 18 2014

Seneschal - Antoinette will not be at meeting in June. Diedre will run the June meeting
Herald - no report
Exchequer - Reports will be improved in the future. Quarterly report sent in in April. 3347.27 Checking 1219.54 Savings. Event in 1st quarter was 25th anniversary - $277 profit. As of April, no change except a check cashed and one outstanding sent to Kingdom.
Knights Marshall - Jeremiah coming back from War Practice, new fighters are active, J and His Grace spoke with the Youth marshal at WP.
Fencing - practice continuing on Tuesday
Archery - Denys' the only range open at this time.
Thrown Weapons - range closed for now, call if you really want to throw sharp objects
A&S - meet at Soldier’s Park on the 2nd Sunday of each month for June, July and September during Fighter practice. Contact Byrghitta if you need anything for any particular date.
Chatelaine - 8 people signed up at Arts Festival Demo. Info is being sent out to those folks. Chatelaine Directory is done.
Chronicler - New edition will be out at the beginning of June. How would we like the meeting minutes published? Monthly email.
Web Minister - send stuff to Gille. (No baby yet for Aibell - notice will be sent out)
Chamberlain - no report
Chancellor Minor - no report

Guilds

Medieval studies – Wednesday, June 4th at Gille and Alicia’s. 7:00 PM Wars of the Roses
Cave Canum - meet 2nd and last Tuesday of the Month. May be new folks interested. No performance pending, but the group is working on sizing down a large play with Gwyllim
Sewing - Call Cameron
Calligraphy - No May meeting on Memorial day. Mondays starting June 2nd, feel free to come over in afternoons for scribal work any time after 12:30.
Brewer's - Projects in progress. Beer brewing this week?
Cooks Guild - June 1st, outdoor cooking at Gilles and Rhenna’s. Usual time
Story Telling - Attended a workshop related to Union County history, Conrad did a class at Endless Hills.
Heraldic Dismay - At Cook's Guild on June 1st, consulting.
Embroiderer's Guild - Tentatively scheduled for June 12th. Contact Jaquiline before you show up.
Dancing - no word from the Dance Mistress; Should send a check to the Church for 2 sessions.

Upcoming Events and Demos

ACG at Pennsic. Pre-reg if you want to camp. Talk to Etaine if you have questions
SRI Demo - Nicodemus not here. Byrghitta was checking out the site - not much space for tents at the site; some concerns about the A&S tent, which needs at least 3 walls. Can we arrange a site visit?
Contact Byrghitta if you want to check out the site on your own. Antoinette will contact Nichodemus about a group site visit ASAP.

Other concerns: Lunch - could be catered? Just for SCAdians. $3.00/head has been proposed.

**Corn Maze event:** His Grace is working with Sir Tanaka. Suggestion for event - is A&E war a confusing title? (confusing with the TV network) Could we change it to Æ & E.? Note site fee will be $10.00 a head for SCAdians, $15.00 a head for non-SCA folks. *Price changed to $12 in mid August*

**Scout Demo** - details for Cub Scout Demo, October 4th. Elyse will post signups to the Yahoo group.

**FFF** - on calendar. Blurb is on web site and on Shire site. Alicia: attendance seems to be dropping - can we check past event reports. Conrad thinks that not as many folks are staying over, and many fighters/fencers are coming. Should we adjust our pricing if we made a large profit last year? Ask for an update from Egil and Denys for next year. After long discussion, no price change seems to be needed. Concerns were raised about the balance of classes. Could we find an assistant for Phiala? Jaquiline, Meraide and Alicia seemed interested in contacting teachers from under-represented areas of interest. Byrghitta will put together a flyer for this year's FFF, and see if we can have it available at Pennsic University.

**Kingdom 12th night bid:** How much profit do we want to make? Proposed site fee is $17, plus $10.00 for the 2nd two courses. Will send in the bid with a $18.00 site fee. Also - children 5 and under will be free. Regarding training folks for jobs, would anyone like to be the co-autocrat? Jehan has volunteered.

**Old Business**

**Art's Festival** - thanks from Antionette. Suggestions for next year: Procession through town - need a coordinator, and a better time to do the procession. Open tents were nice. Some folks didn't know they could go in the tents. Nice that we weren't closed off at the top of the park - change the layout to more of an "L"? Better signage for the non-SCAdians who will be walking by. Something more inviting is really needed. (Think like a mundane). Some tents were more crowded and better organized than others - could we spread things out more? Make everything look like it has a purpose, and make it clear to the visitors what that purpose is. (Signs! Welcome to the Middle Ages! This way to the Medieval encampment!) Can get signs posted on Art's Festival boards. Booth in Hufnagle - could someone be doing _something_, other than just sitting with pamphlets? Other tents in that park were selling stuff, not just non-profits. Antoinette will contact the arts council about better placement in the future. Maybe more aggressive marshaling for next year would be better - some problems with the crowd occurred as well. Perhaps a rope barrier?

Byrghitta suggested signs that could be posted in front of each demo area announcing what it was. Make a template? What about a single list field - fencers and fighters can share. Get a whole page in the booklet next year?
**Customs updates** - Change to shire member policy?  Add a section about the Shire Pennsic encampment, and how the land agent is chosen.  Add a note about Guild stewards to the "officers" section.

Gille will coordinate any proposed changes to the _new_ customs for voting on in June.  We’ll vote on adopting the new customs, and then have several votes on the proposed changes to the members section, adding the encampment section, and a mention of the guild heads being listed on the web site.  Send any other proposed changes to Gille before June 14th, please.

**Shire Signs**: Need some work.  Arrows need some work and some legs need repairs.  Jehan is going to make improvements, and was approved costs not to exceed $50.00 to do the repairs.

Indoor list fields/Ropes: Tim feels he can make a set for $100.00 or less.  Expenditure was approved.

Next meeting, June 15th at the Hughesville Library.  Be there, Aloha.