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Dragon's Laire Finance and Business Meeting Notes

May 7, 2020. Compiled May 8, 2020.

Additional notes from the business meeting are summarized and indicated. Reports are copied as written.

Ciar ingen Fiachnae, Seneschal

Finance Meeting Notes:

Barony of Dragon's Laire Finance Meeting Report May 7, 2020

Committee members:

THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae, Branch President
Master Arontius of Bygelswade, Treasurer
Baron Connor Mac Eoin, Committee Member
Baroness Eilidh Keldeleth, Committee Member

Other members:

Lady Furia Dommitia, Deputy to the Branch President
Dame Gwen the Potter, Finance Committee Recording Clerk

1. Account balances:
 - a. Checking: \$47,020.61
 - b. Savings: \$24,296.31
 - c. CD: \$10,297.61
 - d. Total: \$81,614.53
 - e. Signatories: bank wants us to wait until we can all go in together in person before adding additional signatories.
2. Event Bids:
 - a. Yule Feast Dec 12, 2020 - Presented by Master Arontius of Bygelswade. Estimate \$2,350, \$1000 site, \$700 feast plus misc, est 125 attendance; Site Marcus Whitman MS: APPROVED, referred to business meeting and APPROVED at Business Meeting
3. Administrative Actions:
 - a. Presentation of newly revised 2020 Dragon's Laire Baronial Budget. APPROVED, referred to Business meeting and APPROVED at Business Meeting.
 - b. THL Kloe of Thira formally requests \$400 (original estimate \$160) for the purchase of a set of stamps to mark Baronial owned property. She brought it informally to the Finance Committee at the meeting in April. Now she has all the numbers in a formal proposal. APPROVED at higher cost. Referred to Business meeting and APPROVED at Business Meeting.
4. Long Term Maintenance Agenda Items (Maintained on this agenda until resolved):
 - a. New Baronial Chairs: Check No. 3610, paid 04/29/2020 to DuPuy Creations. Includes \$400 for one chair, and \$100 for shipping. Remainder of \$400 to be paid upon completion, which is anticipated to be in July, 2020.

- b. Purchase of three Baronial Day Shades: Check No. 3571, paid 03/19/2020 to Ray Baker in the amount of \$1,253.24. THL Kloe of Thira monitoring progress and will alert the Barony upon receipt. Due for delivery in June.
- c. Reservation of Ocean Shores Convention Center in support of Twelfth Night, 2022: Check No. 3568, paid 03/11/2020, in the amount of \$3,000. Accepted and deposited. Master Arontius of Bygelswade monitoring progress in support of event.
- d. Reservation of VFW Hall for Day Camp: Check No. 3562, paid 02/06/2020, in the amount of \$100. Since the Spring Day Camp was cancelled due to Pandemic, the VFW Hall is allowing this check payment to be used for the Fall Day Camp. Wendy McComb (Gwen the Potter) monitoring progress in support of Fall Day Camp.
- e. Purchase of 'Gender Buttons': Check No. 3546, paid 12/15/2020, in the amount of \$137.50. Current status of purchase and re-sell / dispersal? THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen maintains support of this project.
- f. \$150 approved for industrial sewing machine. For sewing canvas bags to hold tent parts, then available for individuals in the Barony to use, especially at daycamps.

Submitted this 7th Day of May, 2020, by Dame Gwen the Potter, Finance Committee Recording Clerk.

Business Meeting Reports and Notes:

Baron and Baroness: Baron Conchobar Mac Eoin, Proconsul, and Baroness Eilidh Keldeleth, Proconsula

Notes from the Meeting: Their Excellencies hope all are well and staying safe and healthy.

Her Excellency Eilidh thanks all those that participated in the mask donation for the PSNS Gate Guards, especially Lady Lucy. All your efforts are appreciated!

Baron Connor reminds everyone that while online meetings and gatherings are great, no one should feel required to attend or participate in these times. Prioritize your and your family's health and well-being.

Seneschal: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings unto the Steadfast Barony of Dragon's Laire!

I hope you are all as well as can be and that everyone is surviving social distancing and mostly staying at home/working from home/essential work.

We do not have a timeline for when we will know the results of the polling or when the Baronial Investiture will happen.

The conversation has begun, at the Kingdom Level, about reopening An Tir. No decision have been made but we have been given guidance to start looking at our county and city guidelines and to start working on a plan.

Officers looking for Officers!

Chatelaine – looking for a Step-up Deputy

Scribe – looking for a Step-up Deputy

Chronicler - LOOKING FOR AN OFFICER

If you are interested in any of these positions, please speak with the current Officer, Their Excellencies, and or the Seneschal!

Exchequer: Master Arontius of Byglelswade

1. Account balances are listed in the Baronial Financial Committee Meeting minutes for May, 2020. If you wish to review those numbers, please contact the Exchequer directly.
2. Baronial Account Signatories are in process of being updated. Kitsap Bank has requested that we wait, if possible, until we are allowed to physically enter the bank branch again. Doing so will make this process much faster and easier for all involved. The Baronial Financial Committee Meeting minutes for April, 2020, contains the names and details of changes.
3. The Exchequer has completed issuance of reimbursement checks to all the Merchants who had paid for space at June Faire 2020.
4. Additional updates were made and reviewed for the 2020 budget. The updated budget was presented to the Dragon's Laire Financial Committee and advertised as available to the Populace. Then ratified at the May, 2020, Dragon's Laire Financial Committee Meeting. If you would like a copy of the updated version, please contact the Exchequer. The revisions bring the line items for each office closer to what has actually been spent over the past several years. New line items were established for new positions (such as YAFA). A second page was added to track 'Special Funds,' such as the Culinary and Spirit-Maker Guild Funds.
5. An updated Baronial Financial Policy was completed in rough draft. The existing policy was many years old and was missing a number of items required by Kingdom and Society (such as PayPal policy). It is also re-formatted to fall in line with Society requirements. A copy was posted for comment on the Baronial Facebook Page. If you would like one sent directly to you, please contact the Exchequer, who will provide it. A special note in regards to the updated policy: a slightly modified process for Event Bids was included (and was presented to the Barony via a Baronial Facebook Post). It allows for financial consideration at the Baronial Financial Committee Meeting. If accepted there, it goes to the assembled Baronial Populace for questions and acceptance. Finally, if it is approved by both it is formally read as accepted into the Baronial Financial Committee minutes by the Financial Committee Clerk at the end of the Business Meeting. This process will hopefully make it more visible and accessible to the Baronial Populace (and allow for greater input and acceptance). The timeline for approval includes review by the Barony at-large through the month of May. Then formal approval at the June Business Meeting / Financial Committee Meeting. Assuming it was approved in June, it will then move to Kingdom for approval. This process should be completed by August of 2020.
6. As alluded to above, the Baronial Financial Committee Meeting will be held in two parts at each monthly Business Meeting. Before the Business Meeting itself, actions brought forward for financial consideration will be discussed and adjudicated as normal as part of the Baronial Financial Committee meeting. Upon conclusion of discussion, the Committee will adjourn and allow for general Populace discussion of considerations not directly tied to financial (such as event activities, venue location, event team membership, etc.). Upon conclusion of the Business Meeting, the Financial Committee will reconvene, and assuming everything is positive and all necessary questions have been answered, the Financial Committee Clerk will read and record it into the official Baronial Financial Committee minutes for the month as it is reviewed verbally to the Populace assembled.
7. The Baronial Steward proposed to the Baronial Financial Committee a purchase of stamps to identify individual canvas storage bags for items contained within the Storage Unit. There will be eight stamps, manufactured by our local artisan, Skalla (YAFA Minister), with a total anticipated price estimated to be \$400. This was accepted by Committee.
8. A bid for Yule Feast 2020, presented by Arontius and Countess Elizabeth, was presented, reviewed, and accepted. Total costs, \$2350. Total estimated income, \$2500. For a small profit.

Location will be Marcus Whitman Middle School in Port Orchard (as long as COVID-19 conditions allow for this at the time) on December 12th.

9. Other actions at the Financial Committee Meeting included a review of outstanding financial actions already approved and in process.

10. The Office of Exchequer is still seeking a full time Deputy Exchequer. This person does not necessarily have to take over the job, but they will learn the processes of holding the office. This person would be very helpful in support Event readiness, report information gathering, inventory control, June Faire support, etc. If you have an interest in how the finances of a branch work within Society and the Modern World, please contact Arontius.

11. During the current world situation, travel is not encouraged. If the Exchequer is holding a reimbursement check for you, please contact him in order to have it mailed as needed / necessary.

12. If you need to contact the Baronial Exchequer for any reason, e-mail is the best method, arontius@comcast.net. The second-best method is through a Facebook PM. However, any official correspondence has to come through the Baronial Exchequer e-mail account, dragonslaire.exchequer@antir.org.

Steward: THL Kloe of Thira [Looking for a Deputy](#)

We have stuff, it lives in storage. Stamps to mark stuff are requested. The stuff has not moved in a while.

Thank you,

Kloe

Librarian: THL Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi

No report submitted.

[Marshallate](#)

Hail The Dreaded Barony of Dragon's Laire!

Herein is your Baronial Marshal Report,

Still are the winds that would blow our warships to victory, Silence is the only thing that rings threw out our tourney fields. The flame that is our peoples fury is kept only in our hearts and hearths. Stayed is our wrath until the Crown's will it unleashed.

In accordance with the Crowns decree and state law there has been no practice or martial activities in the month of April. But many of Dragon's Laire's fighters have taken this time to work on pells. I for one look forward to seeing the benefits of this practice once we are able to fight again.

In Service

Conrad Ross

Chief Archer: Lady Artunis of Dragon's Laire

Alas, great barony, as chief archer there is no news to report as we have not gathered to collectively murder cardboard since the last time I reported such.

Here's hoping for next month.

YIS,

Lady Artunis

Chief Archery Officer
Squire and Man-at-arms to Sir Andras Truemark, OGGS

Lists: THL Liu Xian
No report submitted

Rapier: Baron Jacques Louis de Normandie
New Officer!

Siege: THL Arqai Ne'urin

In spite of the lock-down, siege activities are still taking place. Engineers are working on their engines and we're coming up with some new ideas for munitions to be used for the experimental Target Siege program. Things are looking promising and crews are looking forward to returning to practices and the war field.

Thrown Weapons: Lord Telemon of Crete
No report submitted

Youth Armored Combat: Titus Octavius
No report submitted

Minister of Arts & Sciences: Murakami Tsuruko-Sensei: **Looking for an Officer to start in July**

Greetings all,

We're still in lockdown and online arts & sciences related classes continue. Upcoming in the near future, Dame Gwen will be giving an online class on Beginning Headwraps & Veils on May 20th and on Creating a Clay Tripod Pipkin on June 3rd. Watch the Dragon's Laire Facebook page for announcements and updates.

As of July I will have served as Baronial Arts & Sciences Minister for 2 years. It has been a joy to serve you but given my current health challenges I will not be extending for another year although I am willing to stay on as a deputy as my health permits. If you are interested in the position please contact the seneschal and Their Excellencies.

YIS,

Murakami Tsuruko

Chronicler: **Looking for an Officer**

The Chronicler duties are currently maintained by the Seneschal. Duties include compiling monthly meeting notes and sending them to the Webminister to be placed on the Dragon's Laire website.

As a Barony we are required to publish one "newsletter" each quarter, which is differentiated by having a Cover and "statement of ownership". We will be adding this page to our recent meeting notes in order to bring us in compliance.

If there is interest, the Flames can be expanded to include art, recipes, poetry, and other items at the desire and effort of the Populace.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald): Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol *Always willing to take a Deputy.*

Chatelaine: Lady Isemay MaKenze *Looking for a Step-Up Deputy*

Webminister: Lord Máenach na Cailled *Looking for a Deputy or two*

Scribe: THL Rhiannon of Eagle's Flight *Looking for a Step-Up Deputy*

Social Media: THL Kösem of House Awry

No report submitted.

Youth and Family Activities: THL Bera-Skall Hrafnisdottir of House Awry

I'm happy to help families find educational medieval fun during the stay healthy stay home order. While we can't meet in person, we can meet online! Let me know if I can be of any help to you and your families. I have helped a few parents online this month, but that is all there is to report.

Yours in service,
Skalla

Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Nothing happening. We are active online! Please join the "Barony of Dragon's Laire Culinary and Spirit-makers Guild Group"

Scribal: Maitre Renart le fox de Berwyk

No report submitted.

Research Corpus: Magistra Aelianora de Wyntringham

No report submitted.

Events & Event Steward Reports

Yule 2020:

(Notes from the Bid presentation during the meeting): Yule was bid by Master Arontius and Countess Elizabeth to be held December 12th at Marcus Whitman Junior High in Port Orchard. The current expectation is 125 people with space for up to 150. We have access to both the Home Ec kitchen and the full school kitchen. There will be space for fight practice and candles will be allowed. The question of dry or wet site will be answered in September. We have been warned that things could change depending on how COVID-19 progresses.

Candlemas:

Arts & Sciences Play Day (Spring):

June Faire 2021: Sir Andras Trumark

(Notes from the meeting): Site finding progresses. Master Arontius has been in communication with the Kitsap Parks about the Kitsap Fairgrounds, they have let him know that we are on the docket for when they return to work. There is also the possibility of Norselands and the old racetrack.

Dame Gwen asked about the site Magister Arion was looking into and whether that would be available for 2021. Magister Arion reports that the next discussion to be held is with Commissioner Garrido and that is tabled at the moment due to COVID-19.

Magister Arion asked if he should reserve the Poulsbo Rotary sign for next year. THL Ciar indicated that he should do so, as it is part of the standard annual June Faire duties – we must apply for the sign a year in advance of when we want to use it or risk losing our slot. Her Excellency requested that Sir Andras be notified to the process as well.

Arts & Sciences Play Day (Fall): tentative Countess E

New Business or Oh-by-the-ways?

Magister Arion asked where the open Officer positions are posted? Currently they are posted within Officer reports and in the Seneschal's Officer report. Baroness Eilidh requested that a separate post be made listing the open positions and being updated as positions are opened and filled.

Post meeting addition from THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae, Seneschal:

The Barony will continue to host virtual Socials on Tuesdays until we are allowed to gather again. The link will be available on the Dragon's Lair Facebook Group and on the Dragon's Lair website. These Socials are opt-in as you have the time, energy, and inclination to participate.

Finance and Business Meeting will also continue to be online so that the business of the Barony can continue. All participants are welcome to attend the meetings. The meeting date and time are posted to the Dragon's Lair website, to the Facebook group, and emailed out on the list and we aim for at least a week of warning.