

## Mysterium Meeting Minutes – 3/23/2008

- ATTENDANCE: Alahmnat, CAGrayWolf, Eleri, Lehsa, Odo'Ital, Oselot, SR388, TW, Vaaht.
- Meeting: 8:15 PM PST / 11:15 PM EST – 9:45 PM PST / 12:45 AM EST.

### Welcome

- Welcome to the new Local Emissaries. We're excited to have you!

### Announcements

- Forum etiquette:
- Please be *specific* in your forum thread titles.
  - There is *no* posting to the Bulletin Board except in those threads that say so (ie: the calendar). All other irrelevant posts will be deleted.
  - Threads created in the Bulletin Board should be committee-wide announcements pertaining to meetings, poll login information, welcome messages, etc. Any other committee-wide announcements should be posted in General.
  - Please lock your topics when you are completely done with them.
- Signatures have been made by Oselot for everyone:  
<http://mysterium.mwitkowski.net/planningforum/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=61>.  
Thank you Oselot! Only additions to the signatures need to be for the Local Emissaries: Keshwyn and Silmefea.

### Committee Organization Document

- The New Member Package has been drafted up and posted on the Bulletin Board:
- There will be a meeting Tuesday, March 25 at 8 PM PST / 11 PM EST to draft this up for next week's meeting.
- There's been some confusion about the difference between the Bulletin Board, General, and Mysterium Committee. Maybe there should be an Off-Topic forum or subforum?

### The Mission Statement

- Draft: <http://mysterium.mwitkowski.net/planningforum/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=65>.
- This is posted under announcements in the Mysterium Committee forum.
- It should also be posted at the top of the main forums, as well as posted on the website.
- Please follow the Mission Statement in your day-to-day Committee activities!

## Treasurers

- The balance is sitting at \$100.
- Our Paypal account has been upgraded to Premiere. The website ([http://mysterium.net/?page\\_id=4](http://mysterium.net/?page_id=4)) needs to be updated to reflect the Premiere upgrade since there is no longer a \$100 restriction on websites. It may not be updated to reflect this only because of possible donation restrictions that need to be researched.
- Eleri has a general business license (sole proprietor) in the event that enough money comes in that we are bumped up to needing to pay taxes (more than \$500 per month or so). We need to be careful about not making a profit. Any funds left over from this year that carry over to next year are considered a profit. According to Moke from Cyan, we are able to carry over money within a “reasonable amount”, which is undefined.
- Donations past a certain amount will require you to pay taxes. The exact amount of money past which we will have to pay taxes is unknown so far. This should be researched. Vaaht should ask her dad, who is an accountant, about this. Alahmnat will ask his uncle, who is a tax lawyer.
- A budget for Mysterium needs to be finalized so that we can have a budget meter posted on the website.
- A thread has been created on the website related to tax information: <http://www.mysterium.net/planningforum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=160>.

## Public Relations

- Guild of Greeters has been giving us feedback. Some of them are planning on going to Boston. They recommend not driving anywhere in the Boston area. There has also been a suggestion to research the area between the Boston airport and Boston Proper (downtown Boston). There have also been suggestions to look at Braintree and Salem.
- SoCal Mystite feedback?

## Cyan-related stuff

- We have the okay on the Falling Man.
- We don't know whether we can fundraise yet or not.
- How should we chat with Cyan? Moke seems to be our main contact so far. Lehsa will talk to RAWA to see if changing the main contact to Moke (or someone who will respond to us) would work better for him, since he's so busy.

## Logistics

- Poll data has been released: [http://mysterium.net/?page\\_id=33](http://mysterium.net/?page_id=33).
- The t-shirt contest has started and ends: April 22nd, 2008. Cyan needs to approve all t-shirt logos. So far there is only an internal vote, and it remains to be decided whether there should be an external poll (past Mysteriums have not had external

- polls). If it's possible, we would like to weed out the bad submissions before giving the good ones to Cyan.
- The hotel is currently being decided. We would like to have a hotel that costs no more than \$125 including tax.
  - Logistics will NOT meet Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 8:30 PM PST / 11:30 PM EST. This time does NOT work for the Local Emissaries. TW will be posting a thread about it in Logistics.

### Events

- Fairly quiet so far until Logistics wraps up their stuff. Ideas have been bouncing around still.
- Please meet soon so we can start planning a budget and events. Please see the forum for the time and date.

### Historical

- Still needs to meet. Postponed topic.

### Website

- Odo and TW and Alah seem to be doing a great job with the website.
- Thanks TW for working hard on getting all the poll info displayed nicely on the website.
- The website will be upgraded to Wordpress 2.3.3 tonight. Thank you Odo!
- The forum time is officially fixed. Thank you TW!
- Please update the Committee Organization page to add the contact information for the Local Emissaries and Odo'Ital.
- We have one Mysterium e-mail address to be released to the community: [info@mysterium.net](mailto:info@mysterium.net). Cyan released the password, user name, and server information for accessing the website. As of right now, Eleri should be [info@mysterium.net](mailto:info@mysterium.net) right now, since it has only been released for the Logo Submissions.
- Eleri will poke at Moke to ask about the @mysterium.net addresses through Google Apps again.
- Can we ask Cyan if we can access the web client for the Mysterium e-mail.
- The Google Calendar needs to become integrated into the meeting agenda. This is a reminder to Vaaht that she needs to start managing that. Oselot has reported problems accessing it, so that needs to be checked out.
- Website should have a meeting soon.

### 2nd Q&A session

- The meeting should be held on Friday, March 28, 2008 at a time TBA.

- Who is willing to attend? Please post to the forum when you can attend on Friday and whether you would like to attend in MOUL or CC:  
<http://mysterium.mwitkowski.net/planningforum/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=136>.
- The Q&A session will be held in Kirel in MOUL and CC. I would like one hour to be devoted to MOUL, and 1-2 hours for CC. Maybe we can make one early session in CC and one later session in CC to hit both coasts?
- I would like at least one person related to t-shirts answering questions. Otherwise, maybe it would be helpful if the Local Emissaries could attend so that they could get their face out there and help answer any local questions about Boston.
- This information will be posted to the forum thread.

### Wrap-Up and Next meeting

- Next meeting is Sunday, March 30, 2008 at 8 PM PST / 11 PM EST.
- The Local Emissaries do not need to attend the main committee meetings, plus Skype is only able to handle 10 people in a conference call at a time.

### To-Do

- Alahmnat: Work on the Committee Organization packet; ask uncle about donations and taxes; website-related updates.
  - CAGrayWolf: Work on the Committee Organization packet; work on budget.
  - Eleri: Work on budget; ask Moke about the other @mysterium.net e-mail addresses.
  - Lehsa: Contact RAWA to see if we can change the main Cyan contact to Moke; can we ask Cyan if we can access the web-based client for e-mail.
  - Odo'Ital: Website-related updates.
  - Oselot: Finish the signatures for Keshwyn and Silmefea.
  - SR388: Plan for the next meeting.
  - TW: Work on the Committee Organization packet; website-related updates.
  - Vaaht: Ask dad about donations and taxes; work on Google Calendar; finalize info for Q&A session; agenda for the next meeting.
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- Events: Plan budget; start working on events.
  - Historical: Have a meeting soon.
  - Logistics: Finalize how t-shirt submissions will be handled; finalize hotel decision.
  - Website: Post the Mission Statement to the website; update info on Odo'Ital, Keshwyn and Silmefea; have a meeting.