

Planning meeting February 21 2026

Attendees:

Officers	Populace
Amya and Alexios (B&B)	Amee
Illcum (Chatelaine)	Grimolfr
Conan (Chronicler)	Kelly Robyn
Tofa (Soc Med)	Raoul
Antonia (Seneschal)	Roxanne
Alexandra (Chamberlain)	Robert
Taka (exchequer)	Judah

- 1) Meeting begins: 11:50AM
- 2) Summary of demos last year and upcoming, manpower required, and whether or not we wish to do them
 - a) Steak night fundraiser Feb 21st last year. Run by Amya, demo fighting and arts. 1600\$. Silent auction seemed to go well, lots of things sold.
 - i) Votes: yes
 - ii) Running this does not have to be for a specific day, just running one this year.
 - iii) Do we allocate these funds to a specific discipline/part of Myrgan Wood? Discussion says no, this could encourage more siloing in the Barony, Myrgan Wood does things for all of Myrgan Wood.
 - iv) Conan will run one this year. Amya has notes on the prior one.
 - b) PopCon – May 2nd to 4th Next one is being run by Taka, this year is 2nd-3rd – show hours are 10-6 on Saturday, 10-5 on Sunday. 3 big fight demos per day scheduled for certain (we are allowed to do more if we wish), ideally minimum of 20 volunteers at all times. 1hr blocks of time,
 - i) Inquiry if we do a more tournament style fighting format, with more crowd engagement. Have a plan for the fighting coordination
 - ii) TUA overlap last year was a big impact.
 - iii) Would also be handy to have a microphone/speaker setup, can the site provide? Taka will ask
 - iv) 3 demo slots Saturday, 2 demo slots Sunday
 - v) Taka is running, Rachel is helping
 - c) Pride – June 28th, 2 days before quad war unfortunately.
 - i) The ships are starting to fall apart quite a bit. Aethelburt does have some flooring material that could be made into a larger ship.

- ii) Inquiry on folks just doing the march, with the sign/banners?
Modest yes.
 - iii) Possibly Sprout but they are less around now. This will be added to the no lead list, Kate will post to find someone and if none can be found then the event will not go ahead.
- d) Celtic Festival – Robert ran it last year, huge crowd, lots of related groups to the SCA. Last year it was September 20th, part of culture days.
 - i) Specific date could be very variable, this event and Prairie Paladin might be overlapping in the future.
 - ii) We only had 4 people last year, and it was successful.
 - iii) Kate says she will talk to the organizers to see if we can keep this from overlapping with Paladin.
 - iv) Vote: Modest yes
 - v) Kate will take the lead on this and will coordinate with Prairie Paladin folks as well.
- e) Prairie Paladin – was September 18th-20th, ran by Robert and Conan, 16ish people would run it well. Went quite well last time, we were paid 650-750\$.
 - i) Vikings asked for X amount as a fee, this is making things a bit difficult for the university as they upped their fee.
 - ii) Could ask for a fixed “fee” and make it less of a problem for the university?
 - iii) Maybe running the demo would be able to be pay’d back to the university for attending Anniversary? We don’t seem to be able to pay the museum.
 - iv) NMR must be pay’d for Anniversary non member attendees, including the museum staff, unless they are a Venue Staff member. Could also allocate event budget to museum staff.
 - v) Conan and Robert will run Prairie Paladin again
- f) School events! We did quite a few
 - i) Back to school demo for the museum, and one in January at WMCI.
 - ii) Each one makes about 200\$, low commitment, 1hr, only issue is they are during the workday. 3-4 people most times.
 - iii) Opinion is varied on running more of these, low commitment.
 - iv) Maybe a more scripted setup
 - v) Votes: Yes to demo

- vi) Kate is up to lead the organizing of this, she will set up a 5-person script for these.
- g) Melfort Demo on the 20th last year, it was very wet but fun. 200\$ donation from the museum, and they would love to have us back. If we want to do things that make money, we just have to be up front about it. They also do not care if we scale it up or down year to year. 6 people minimum.
 - i) Could the payment from the university be used to pay for mileage for folks to come out?
 - ii) Really boosts our presence in the smaller communities, and puts us in people's memories.
 - iii) Vote: Strong yes
 - iv) Tofa will lead
- h) Winterruption Festival in January, this year we did not do it, but it is an option. It's an outdoor event in the winter.
 - i) Would we be able to have a event tent with space heaters?
 - ii) The event was not sure what they wanted us to do, but we could maybe do some bardic, firepit, stuff like that.
 - iii) There is indoor space, there is a lot of outdoor type activities, performance type stuff.
 - iv) Event is near the end of January, if an indoor space was available, we would be interested. Will find out what kind of activities they are looking for.
 - v) Vote: Maybe? Needs more info
- i) Festival of trees – Tofa speaking for Llygoden – Festival of trees does not have a cost for decorating a tree. They provide the tree, stand and the signage. Anything we put on said tree will stay with the tree, we do get a tax receipt, no visibility.
 - i) Hub city turners and woodworkers guild wishing to do a challenge to see who can make the highest value display (this is decided by the organization). Nothing used, everything new. It gets sold for the children's hospital.
 - ii) Unsure when they are opening the pool, we can get notification about when it is beginning (likely around Christmas).
 - iii) Probably need to start broadcasting now to make sure people make things. Also need someone to be in charge likely.
 - iv) A yes to the gauntlet being thrown down. Tofa brings up the only major scheduling thing is setting up the tree itself, making the decorations is a individuals thing as long as things begin soon.

- v) Can decorate ahead of time and then drive it over, or decorate onsite. There's a day in November-ish that we can pick up the tree.
 - vi) Tofa can handle the organizing side, just needs a person in town to handle in town.
- j) Field house display wall – Roxanne brought it up – they invite for applications to put up a display for a month. We should probably put in some submissions. Maybe no cost?
- i) Applying as the barony, to submit a few things. Can apply as a group.
 - ii) Would need to be submitted right away
 - iii) We don't need to make anything new for that, just things to put in the display for a month.
 - iv) Vote: Yes to that.
 - v) Kate will take up on this, and coord with A&S officer (Kaen) and A&S champ (Robert)
- k) Conan brought up Saskatoon Ex, could submit for prizes? Cost to enter could be pretty substantial.
- i) Maybe something more for our individual members to do.
- l) We also got asked to be a part of the Ex parade last year, very short notice and in the middle of the week, might not be doable easily but interesting.
- i) No, vote against
- 3) Kingdom Level Events and bids discussion 2027:
- a) February Crown
 - b) May Coronation
 - c) March TUA
 - i) Robert is making a bid: a smokeshow with a theme related to smoking of foods and things.
 - ii) Roxanne notes that the theme of the event should still be open to encourage folks to submit classes on other topics.
 - iii) University as a venue is the vague outline of a plan, they did not like fire but smokers should be different.
 - d) September Crown
 - e) October Crown Council: priority for royals, peers and officers to run meetings so they have more time to do other things at royal events.
 - i) This year (2026) might be online.
 - ii) The amount of days for the event is not specified.

- iii) Structure of the event outside of the meetings, would be up to the branch running it. Would be good to encourage folks to come even if they maybe aren't directly involved with these parts.
 - iv) If officers are Required to be present at the event, they may need to be compd.
 - v) If other bids do not come in for this event, Roxanne could be interested in running this year (2026). If the barony supported it, this could be done. Support is expressed. 3 month legal requirement would be June to make this decision.
 - f) November Coronation
 - g) Part of the push to get the events assigned over a year in advance is to avoid assigning to groups by order of who last run an event.
 - h) No further events bids chosen to support at this time, more.
- 4) Action items!
- a) Kate will make a schedule of who and when for demos. Will get posted online as well.
 - b) Kate will also start looking for a lead for Pride, if none can be found, this demo will be dropped.
 - c) Inquiry on when we can have meetings with the teams running the events.
 - d) Doing less on Facebook, a calendar pinned to the top of the Facebook page/website. Can we set up the notifications/calendar so this can be shared to the wider populace? Can we also put it on the website? With the move to move away from Facebook, the website should definitely be emphasized more.
 - e) Kate will be applying for the field house art exhibit
 - f) Tofa will be asked to get information out to the populace for the festival of trees? Tofa will contact the organization beforehand, so she has accurate information for the barony.
 - g) Taka will be sending information for social media to start the blitz for Popcon. Possibly a teams/discord chat will begin on this.
 - h) Conan getting dates for the steak night and talking with Amya about the last one.
- 5) Roxanne brings up: Consider when talking to new folks, most of us talk about events, but we should also advertise the community building aspects of our organization. The events are only one small part of the society, we should advertise the rest more too.
- 6) Taka brings up, last year's fundraising was around 3100\$, which covered all the fight practices in the year. Robert brings up that we should be fundraising for the

barony, not for fundraising to cover the fight space. We need to be making money without lighting our volunteers on fire. Possibly a goal for our fundraising to go towards. Maybe a donation instead of a fee? We are supposed to be publishing our financials as well. Conan asks for the question of fundraising to be put out to the populace, possibly just by an email submission.

7) 14:11 meeting closed.