

Minutes July 19, 2009

The July 19, 2009, meeting of MAsT Pacific Northwest was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at a private residence. There were a total 11 members and guest in attendance. The following items were discussed:

Leatherwoods. Early registration for Leatherwoods is over, but space is still available. Those interested in volunteering at Leatherwoods need to complete the volunteer survey and send it to Bunnie.

Butchmann's Experience. Butchman's takes place October 23rd to 25th and has only very limited space available.

MAsT International. Master Bob is now the Executive Director for MAsT International. Bob and Jan are faculty for Butchmann's Experience.

Portland Leather Alliance/KinkFest 2010. Slave Paul went to the PLA meeting this month; Kinkfest will have the entire hotel this year. There are three people on the 2010 Kinkfest committee, Daddy Ruth and Guy included, so we will soon organize to lobby for an M/s D/s track of workshops.

Organization. We are now officially registered with the State of Oregon, have a Tax ID number, a bank account in the name of MAsT: PNW, and are currently operating as a 501(c)(7) organization.

Financial report. The current bank balance for the Chapter is \$392.34.

Dues. Nearly everyone owes dues or will owe them soon. Shelley and Slave Paul will go through the list one more time to ensure it is accurate, and will be ready to begin collecting dues in September. We will be issuing membership cards this year to ensure that there is no confusion as to when memberships need to be renewed. Those who are experiencing financial hardship should privately contact either Shelley or Slave Paul to request a one-time waiver. It was discussed and generally agreed that we should drop the \$5 fee for prospective members visiting MAsT. People interested in MAsT are invited to attend up to three meetings at no charge. After that time, they will be asked to pay our standard dues of \$20 per year.

Education Committee. Shelley will be chairing an education committee with limited members participating on a three-month rotating basis. In addition to selecting topics and facilitating meetings, this committee will work to develop skills for conducting meetings.

Recognition and Thanks. Daddy Bruce was recognized and shown appreciation for his generosity in hosting our meetings for so long and was presented with a Starbucks

gift card. Bunnie was also recognized and thanked for her generosity hosting meetings and special events from time to time.

Meeting Time. It was suggested by members that we consider alternate times of our month meeting. This topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

Discussion topic. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the following:

Celebrating Success: what has worked so well for you in a current or past M/s or D/s relationship that it is worthy of celebration and sharing? This could be anything from a ritual, a rule, a standing order, something you stumbled upon accidentally. It could be a "favorite" of some sort or a concept or ideal you cannot live without. It could be something about how you got started that really shaped things well, something you came to after a long journey, or something you tried yesterday and loved. The only requirement is that you deem it a standout in terms of its success.