**Minutes: 2021-11-07 (5:30-7:20 pm)**

**Co-MoMs Present:** Ken Tageous (joined at 5:30) ; Faegala (joined at 6)

**SOIL Sisters Present:** Ferda Boyce, Jewnita Hug, Gay Bitch Milkshake, Kitty Sprinkles, Mothra Stewart, Yenta Streisand.

Meeting held on Zoom. Meeting called to order at 5:35.

Mothra shared Manifestations and Projects Spreadsheets.

* Ken asked about challenging moments we have faced as a House
	+ Ferda discussed letting go of Matthew
	+ Mothra discussed changing the name of the house from Saluki to SOIL Sisters after a discussion begun by Toggaf.
* Ken encouraged us to continue to show things we are doing on the FB chat thread that includes the Co-MoMs
* Ken noted particularly the clothing drive. Milkshake explained what she and Jewnita have been doing with that.
* Ferda and Milkshake talked about using the different colored miner hats as our formal coronet
	+ Ken cautions us to not be too restrictive on designating or designing the coronet; leave room for each sister’s creativity.
	+ Ken likes that we are choosing our own colors but wonders what happens when we get more sisters in the house.
	+ General discussion of possibilities with the miner hats, including lights or color of lights indicating rank in the house.

Mothra asked what we need to do to get ready to move to a Mission House status

* Ken reminds us there is a checklist at the back of the Aspirant Primer.
* Our website will be our application and should include:
	+ Mission statement—what makes the SOIL Sisters the SOIL Sisters?
	+ List of what we have done, broken down by House Activities and Community Activities
	+ Evidence of our organizational collaboration (minutes, etc.) that show how we are making decisions
	+ Bonus Materials: designs, sketches, ideas, even the ones we threw out along the way.
	+ Website doesn’t need to be a masterpiece of design.
	+ ***Need to have this material up by the 1st of the Month (December).***
* Set up a Facebook video conference presentation between the 1st and the second Monday of the month (i.e. at least a week before the next UNPC meeting).
	+ Invite people across our social media to attend. *Advertise!*
	+ Use the Co-Mom’s to get the notice out to the UNPC of this meeting.
* Facebook Dinner Table private Facebook group for sharing SPI information, events, etc.
	+ Some of us were under the impression we didn’t get access to this until we were a mission house, or that you don’t get access to it until you are a novice.
	+ Ken says it depends on house rules, but generally anyone who furthers the mission of the house can have access to the Dinner Table.

Ken asks if we have questions for the Co-Moms:

* Mothra asked about solo manifestations and how rigid the “there must always be at least two sisters present at a manifestation” rule is.
	+ Ken confirms that the “at least two” rule is for safety
	+ Ken notes that multiple sisters present communicates the presence of an organization
	+ Bottom line: what is good for the work?
	+ Many houses have the rule that only 2+ sisters present counts as a public manifestation.
	+ Sometimes stragglers straggle—this doesn’t impact the rule, but make sure stragglers are safe.
	+ Don’t let a missing sister or cancellation keep you from doing the work. If it is a queer-friendly and safe venue, better to have one than nun…er, none.
	+ Faegala observed that older more traditional houses push the rule for safety.
	+ It is also okay when invited to an event and only one can attend.
	+ Faegala cautions against doing street ministry alone.
	+ Faegala shares a story of one house that had a rule that novices and postulants couldn’t go out without at least one fully professed sister present. Two sisters violated this when the fully professed sister cancelled at the last minute. The house got upset about them manifesting without a senior sister. This is an example of how stringent rules interpreted absolutely can get in the way of the work.
* Mothra asked about what rank the manifesting SOIL Sisters are considered.
	+ Faegala identified the founding sisters as essentially equivalent of novices at this point.
	+ Once our house is established we can decide if we want to go through our own elevation process or if the formation of the house serves essentially as our novice project
	+ Once we become a mission house, the founding sisters are considered “senior novice” or “missionary sisters.” New members at this point will go through our established aspirant/postulant/novice process.
	+ When the mission house becomes a fully professed house, the founding sisters can also become fully professed at that time.
	+ Our house at mission status will create rules for how membership and elevation work and who does what.
	+ Ken reminds us that we can make the ranks our own way; it doesn’t have to be the veil system.
		- His house specifically made a system that isn’t readable to the public
		- He speculated how we could code the miner hats (e.g. without light; with white light; with colored light, etc.)
		- Beware of treating the veil/ranks as gatekeeping instead of celebrating accomplishments.
		- Do what sparks joy for your community and your house
		- Make decisions about this collectively, as a group
* Somehow we got into a discussion of our relationship with local drag queens. Ken acknowledges his drag changes species more than he changes gender. Monster drag. General lovefest for *Dragula* followed.
* Jewnita asks about etiquette around manifesting in STL as a SOIL Sister since Fourth City Sisters are already there.
	+ Ken references tensions between the Lexington and Louisville houses in KY.
	+ We, as a house, need to make a collective decision about our relationship to Fourth City and what we support doing in STL.
	+ Don’t let tension with another house keep us from doing work in our community.
	+ Professional courtesy matters
		- When/if we do something in STL, at least invite Fourth City Sisters.
		- Maybe SOIL Sisters shouldn’t create events in STL
		- Encourage collaboration and offer to help FCS with their events, though.
* Faegala and Yenta connect over shared ethnic heritage.

Co-Moms leave at 7:15pm. A few details were worked out after they left:

* Ferda reports that the website is purchased and ready to go. Ferda covered the $144 for the site and $35 for the domain. In the future, house money will cover this.
* Ferda notes that as a 501C-3 we will get a Google Workspace for free.
* Next meeting will be ***Sunday, Dec. 5th at 5:30***. Milkshake noted it would be good if we could meet an hour before that so we had some time before the Co-Moms join us.
* We confirmed that our regular SOIL Sister meetings will be the ***first Sunday of the month***.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:20.*

Action Items

* Get website up (Jewnita)
* Send bio and head shots to Jewnita (Each of us to Jewnita)
* Craft mission statement/presentation of house (Ferda with input from each of us)
* Create and post minutes for meetings we have held (Mothra)
* Create “Extras” – any documentation of our designs, discussions, collaborations in creating the house. (Mothra)