

Statement #1: Board of Directors of Florida Pagan Gathering

Greetings to all FPG Guests and staff past, present and future,

In response to recent events regarding the Frosts attendance at FPG Beltaine 2014, the Temple of Earth Gathering Board of Directors has prepared the following statement.

As of today, April 2, 2014, Florida Pagan Gathering Beltaine 2014 will be hosting all of our headliners and workshop presenters currently signed up to present workshops, events and concerts. As always, the schedule may change if any of our workshop presenters are unable to attend and have to cancel their planned workshops. Currently, the only event that has been re-worked is the Laser Light Show and Woodland Sprites Ball which was scheduled for Wednesday night because DJ Swampy will not be able to attend FPG for reasons completely unrelated to the Frosts. In its place we will be extending the hours of the pool that evening and hosting a pool party and luau. Details on that are forthcoming.

We want to assure everyone that FPG and TEG never has, and never will condone assault of any nature, be it verbal, physical or sexual. When our guests and staff are at FPG we work with our Guardians and fellow staff members to keep everyone as safe as possible and we respond to threats immediately. We will never allow anyone to be harmed, or continue to be harmed while at our festivals. We have not now, nor have we ever had threats of violence made against our event and we do not expect that there will be.

Over the last 24 hours there has been several emails sent to the Board and many messages on Facebook in protest of the attendance of Gavin and Yvonne Frost as guests and workshop presenters at our upcoming FPG. At the same time we have gotten a flood of emails supporting FPG and its staff and guests. Our attendance numbers have not been affected and we are confident that this Beltaine will be well attended by the people who were truly meant to be there.

We have nothing but the utmost respect for those people who have decided not to attend FPG this Beltaine because of their feelings regarding the Frosts and we support their right to do so. No one who has made their protests known has been restricted or banned from attending FPG at Beltaine or in the future and we sincerely hope to see all of our friends at FPG again.

Lastly, I want to thank our staff who has very graciously and willingly stepped up to take on extra work left behind by those staff members who have decided to not attend Beltaine and to everyone who have offered words of support and encouragement to FPG despite their personal feelings about the Frosts. We truly have the best Community in the world.

For now, the Board and the staff will be focusing on finishing up planning and organizing FPG Beltaine 2014. We ask that anyone who will be attending or wishes to attend to please do so and be assured that we will do our best to make sure everyone has a safe, enjoyable and spiritual experience.