

# Ghost PRO Meeting

April 8, 2009

Widdershin's

Greenville SC

**Members in attendance:** Janet, Mariel, Catherine, Katie, Teresa, Janet's guest Bunny, a "friend of Widdershin's" named Cat, in addition to numerous cats who barged in to use the litterbox from time to time and a mountain lion we could not see but whose presence was smelt!

**Please note:** Action items are highlighted in yellow and require action by one or more team members. Kudos to team members are highlighted in blue.

Meeting began at 7:15 pm.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. March minutes were reviewed and one correction made. Minutes were then approved.
2. Update on discussion of what do we recommend to client once investigation conclusions have been determined. Team decided that in the event of minor hauntings, house cleansing and/or blessings can be done by team members Mariel and/or Katie. In the event of findings that are determined to be of a negative type, it was decided that these should definitely be turned over to someone more qualified such as a clergy person. Catherine has left numerous messages with local priests but has been told they are busy getting ready for Easter. Mariel will check with a priest that she knows. It was also mentioned that someone had previously suggested opening up a dialogue with Father Andrew (from Paranormal State) and **Cat said she would follow up** on that.
  - a. Mariel and Cat both brought some information on house blessings. Mariel explained that the house blessing she brought was one that she had personally used with good results. Cat brought information she found on the web. **Katie said that she is familiar with doing house cleansings and had some information that she could email to the team** about this.
3. Janet reminded all members about sending recordings and photos to her as soon as possible after an investigation. She mentioned that she still has not gotten **evidence from a couple of members**. She also stated that Catherine's files and transcripts were very easy for her to go through and asked if Catherine would be willing to do a training session on using Audacity and saving files so that it makes putting it all together less time consuming for her. Transcripts of the .wav files will also need to be sent so that she knows what to listen for. It was suggested and agreed upon that all members need to use the same software programs so that we're on the same page when it comes to our evidence analysis. **Members can go to [www.transferbigfiles.com](http://www.transferbigfiles.com) and put their final files there and send the link to Janet** so that she can access the files if they are not able to meet with her in person to give her evidence.

4. It was decided that for future investigations, a deadline would be set for getting information to Janet so that we don't make clients wait an extraordinary amount of time to get their results as that is not in the interest of good customer service. If evidence is not given to Janet by the deadline, it will not be included in the final presentation.
5. It was decided that select final videos would be placed on Youtube, with the customer's permission, of course.
6. Janet gave an update on the Fountain Inn investigation and said that she had spoken with Angie. Based on the impressions Cat had given them, that she perceived a Native American spirit who had been there a very long time and was a protector, they had done some research on the internet, given this spirit a name, and were actually feeling much better about what was going on at the home. They have asked the spirit on occasion to assist with the Chihuahua and actually had positive results when they did and are very pleased. Janet informed them that we would be getting the results to them as soon as possible.
7. Cat reminded the team to **send any suggestions for agenda topics** to her if they would like them to be included on the agenda. Otherwise, topics will be pulled from previous months' minutes.
8. Mariel reviewed the information about the conflict with the Florida Ghostpro team and said we are fine as long as we don't refer to ourselves as ghostpro's (in the plural form). It was decided that it was time to change the email we use to advertise to [info@ghostpro.org](mailto:info@ghostpro.org). The team is grateful to Mariel for all her hard work on the website and is impressed with the professional look. **(You rock Mariel...😊)**
9. The BigOrb Sunday chats have been postponed until the end of May, per Tina (sent in an email from Mandi).
10. **Mariel is working on drawing mascot Charlotte** so that **Carl can work on team apparel**.
11. Catherine provided some information about "Organizational Planning" and how to develop vision statements, mission statements, long range and short range goals. Cat brought a copy of Tommy's suggestion for a mission statement and the team unanimously agreed that they liked it. Cat will work on breaking it down into mission and vision statements and will bring to the May meeting for team review. **(Good job Tommy...😊)**
12. Team motto was discussed and two ideas were presented. Suggestions will be voted on at the next team meeting. **Anyone else who has a suggestion should email it to Cat** to be included in the vote. Suggestions thus far are as follows:
  - a. "Doing our part to further understanding between our world and the world beyond."
  - b. "Doing our part to educate the living about the dead."
13. Janet told the team that Mandi had mentioned that she liked the cowardly lion's quote from the Wizard of Oz: "I do believe in spooks, I do believe in spooks, I do, I do, I do believe in spooks"!! The team decided that it should definitely go on the website somewhere and **Cat said she could probably get that clip for Mariel to post on the website**.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cat collected dues in Bob's absence. Ten dollars of the dues collected went to pay Widdershin's for use of their meeting room.
2. Janet gave an update on the upcoming investigation at the bar and grill in Easley. The investigation is still tentatively set for April 18<sup>th</sup>. Janet will update the team by email as soon as she has this finalized.
3. The discussion on the "investigation rules" Cat brought to the March meeting was tabled until more members are present at the May meeting. Members are asked to review the draft and be prepared to discuss at the May meeting.
4. The discussion on orbs was also tabled until more members are present at the May meeting. Anyone having orb info is urged to bring it to the May meeting to share with the team.
5. Cat asked if anyone had any questions on the Psychic Information Paper she passed out at the March meeting. None present had any questions; Cat told Teresa she would email this to her since she was not present at the March meeting.
6. Catherine extended an invitation to her new group, AOP PRS (Anderson Oconee Pickens Paranormal Research Society) and told them that the first meeting will be held on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Easley Library. She asked that anyone wishing to attend please let her know as soon as possible as the meeting space is small and seating is limited. There are only a few spaces left at this time. Cat also explained to team members that this group is a research and discussion group, **NOT** a ghost hunting group. She has been researching and further developing her psychic abilities for many years and explained she felt she would be doing a huge disservice to the team by not continuing to do that. She hopes that there will not be any questions about her "loyalties" to the team as this is not in competition to the team, but rather a way for her to continue to educate herself to be of better service to the team. She explained that there are many topics other than ghost hunting that fall under the umbrella of "paranormal" that are of interest to her and this group would be an opportunity for folks who are also interested in those things to get together and discuss them. Some of the other topics that will be discussed in her group, in addition to psychic ability are: reincarnation, past life regression, dream interpretation, indigo children and the healing arts (Reiki is one), to name a few. Members present expressed interest in and support for this new group.
7. With regard to the topic of team lectures to further educate the team, Cat suggested that she could tailor some team building exercises (used at the college where she works) to the team and have that ready for a future meeting when things are a little slower.
8. The team was reminded about the upcoming paranormal conference "Through the Veil" with favorite psychic Chip Coffey in Atlanta the first weekend in June.
9. Janet introduced her friend Bunny to the team. Bunny shared some of her paranormal experiences and is very interested in joining the Ghost PRO team.

10. Guest Cat, a friend of Widdershin's who decided to attend the meeting, shared some of her paranormal experiences with the group.
11. The team is happy to report that there was no conflict between the bunnies and the cats and they got along very well...☺ (Just kidding y'all!!).
12. Mariel attended a class recently about using dowsing rods and shared some very interesting things that she learned during the conference. She also had some printed information about this that she would be willing to share with the team, either by email or bringing it to the next meeting.
13. Janet purchased software from psychic Jason Profit and shared that she would be back at Widdershin's the next day to discuss it with him as she had encountered some problems. This software is for the purpose of enabling real time evp work. She agreed to keep the team updated on what she finds out.
14. Mariel presented a handful of blessed crucifixes and generously offered for anyone who wanted one to pick one out. All present picked one out and thanked her for her generosity.
15. Janet then showed the team the "movie" that she will be presenting to the body shop owners. The movie included photos taken during the investigations, explanations of some of the photos, along with a narrative of some of the investigations' events. Janet did an excellent job with this presentation. It looked very professional and was quite impressive. Team members present expressed their gratitude for the hard work she obviously has put into this presentation. (You rock lady...☺)
16. May meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Mandi's house in Cowpens. Address is 129 Old Battlefield Creek, Cowpens, at 7:00pm.
17. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00pm. All members survived the fumes!