

Morningstar Mystery School

Steering Committee Zoom Call

Saturday 4/8/17 10am Pacific

Minutes

- Facilitator: Ari
- Note-Taker: Ealasaid
- Present: Ealasaid, Nancy, John, Ryan, Ari

- Facilitator led everyone in aligning, connecting to Lux, and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting:
 - Ryan: Teaching & Curriculum Pillar has a meeting next week, will get the teacher requirements to Steering by the next steering meeting.
 - Going to continue as planned.
 - Daily practice in summer
 - Triple Soul in Fall
 - Elements in early winter of next year (pending decisions made at the retreat)
 - Outstanding item: teacher criteria. For classes up to and including Elements, there's already three criteria (complete core curriculum, abide by core practices, abide by the ethics policy). Defined core curriculum as Elements, Iron, Pearl, Planes. For advanced curriculum, that's being punted into the future.
 - Process: any teacher who has completed the core curriculum who wants to teach, needs to present a CV and three recommendation letters to the teaching pillar, the pillar will decide based on that. Finishing the material doesn't mean you can teach, you must get approved. The pillar would make a decision, then send it to Steering to be responded to within two weeks. If steering gives thumbs up, great; otherwise, discussion and re-evaluation.
 - Elements: people who take it aren't guaranteed entry to Morningstar Mystery School; that's an invitation thing. That's something we would want to continue, and keep everything very clear. Don't want to promise anything to students that makes them think they're guaranteed to go further.
 - For teachers who teach something and want to teach again, approval process will be a bit different, will have some kind of student feedback form to decide the next time the person wants to teach.
 - All material submitted by teacher candidates is for internal Pillar use only.
 - Tony is prepping a letter to call for teachers.
 - Nancy moves that we accept the process of approval of teachers as presented by the Teaching Pillar.

- Vote: unanimous, approved!
 - Ealasaid will edit and redistribute Bob's Rules - done
 - Ari: Temple & Tech is dealing with upheaval from Thorn's announcement. Will have meeting and proposal to Steering as soon as is feasible.
 - Haven't gotten a meeting scheduled yet for Temple & Tech
 - There was a question about the temple continuing, Ari wants it to, but that's a discussion for the pillar.
- Pillar Reports – anything that hasn't already been handled? No
- Solar Cross/legal/non-profit status – nothing new. Nobody has replied to Ryan about it yet
- Retreat – info is on the Moodle, Jenn is taking payments through her rather than Solar Cross. Looking for deposits by 4/30
- Any new business?
 - Small group calls mentioned in the All School chat.
 - General agreement to do calls in pairs:
 - John & Ealasaid
 - Ryan, Ari, Nancy / Ryan & Nancy
 - Starr/Jenn (tentative)
 - Email to coordinate
 - Besure to cover:
 - ▶ weekday
 - ▶ weekend
 - ▶ a time when European students can call (early morning)
 - Goal: have 'em before next steering meeting.
 - Each pair will do one call between now and next steering meeting.
- Go over everyone's action items for next time
 - Jenn: Research projects and call for pillar participation materials
 - Ari: Temple & Tech meeting and proposal
 - Ealasaid: waiting on wiki, will keep updates
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- Facilitator leads breathing and prayer to close

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 - Even though we don't know what things will be going forward, are going to continue as planned. Still planning to teach Crafting a Daily Practice and Triple Soul. A lot will be determined around the retreat, but the earliest we can do the Elements class anyway will be next winter, well after the retreat. Whatever is decided at the retreat will direct what happens with Elements.
 - Daily practice in summer
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- person wants to teach.
 - Ari: is there a promise of confidentiality?
 - Ryan: personal info won't be put up, CV won't be put anywhere public, purely for reference within the Pillar
 - Tony is prepping a letter to call for teachers.
 - John: is there a procedure where we publish this stuff and let the school comment? Have steering approve?
 - Ryan: we haven't figured that out yet, will probably use Moodle. As for approval, the Pillar is largely autonomous and aligned with Steering.
 - Ealasaid: there's supposed to be a wiki, Sarah hasn't gotten it to us yet. Things like procedures will go up there.
 - Nancy: John, are you asking about the teacher approval process being presented to the school for consideration?
 - John: more like, will this stuff be put up where people can see it.
 - Nancy: Roger likes to say the best form of organization is a benevolent monarch. If we have to put everything out for approval to the students, it'll take ages to get anything done. There's tension between being an open organization and being a reasonable efficient org. Her sense of the all-school chat call was that those of us with big energy to keep this going are already involved. Want to include people and send out calls for participation, but we have to stay efficient. Suggestion: make a motion to approve the policy, the post it somewhere and have the call for teachers go out. In the call, we could say that feedback is welcome.
 - Ryan: heard a question of whether steering needs to approve the letter calling for teachers – general headshakes of no, that's too many rounds of things, we gotta get this moving. If the school doesn't like it, they can join the pillar and work to change it.
 - Nancy moves that we accept the process of approval of teachers as presented by the Teaching Pillar.
 - Ryan seconds. But technically don't need a second though.
 - Vote: unanimous, approved!
 - Nancy: suggests a memo go out to everyone on the list soliciting membership on the pillars, within the next two weeks, to be immediately followed by a letter from the teaching pillar calling for teachers.
 - Jenn is the one tasked with the general pillar-joining call, but she's not here.
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 - Nancy: thinking back to the all-school chat, we said we were going to do small-group meetings. Is it necessary? If it's going to happen, we gotta get organized and set it up asap.
 - John: we said we would, we need to at least offer.
 - Ari: what if we each schedule a time that works for us and post open invite?
 - Nancy: would two be better?
 - John and Ari agree
 - Pairing up?
 - John and Ealasaid
 - Ryan, Ari, Nancy in same time zone; Ryan and Nancy
 - Ryan: it'd be good to have two people so one can facilitate and the other can take notes.
 - Ari will check with Starr/Jenn, partner up there.
 - Nancy: we should email to coordinate so they're not all on the same day.
 - Ryan: time zone issues and weekday/weekend things. Need to be sure to have a time when Europe folks can be on. Morning, earlyish
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