

# Morningstar Mystery School

## Steering Committee Zoom Call Minutes

Saturday 1/1/17 10am Pacific

- Facilitator: Ryan
- Note-Taker: Ealasaid
- Present: John, Ealasaid, Ryan, Ari, Jenn, Nancy (briefly). Starr absent.
  
- Facilitator led everyone in aligning, connecting to Lux, and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting:
  - Jenn: Research projects and call for pillar participation materials
    - Jenn has been working on retreat stuff, which has been tough to pull together. Has to post about retreat stuff anyway, will also post research and pillar participation stuff.
  - Ari: Temple & Tech meeting and proposal
    - No movement.
  - Ealasaid: waiting on wiki, will keep updated
    - Discussion – Google sites (old and new), Wordpress, Media Wiki as options.
    - Discussion – needs for the wiki/internal Mstar site
      - Easy to edit
      - History of edits (not available in Google sites or Wordpress)
      - Get it up asap
    - Handed off to Temple & Tech.
  - Pairs will schedule meetings before next Steering mtg
    - Ealasaid & John: report on 5/10 call
      - Sandra and Louise attended.
      - Big points:
        - ▶ Communication!
        - ▶ Discussed the idea of a Morningstar tradition. Discomfort around going against Thorn (assuming Thorn is still against the idea, we should check)
    - Other pairs: scheduling update
      - Nancy & Ryan: will sort something out.
      - Jenn: met in person with Laura and Doneby. Need to schedule something online for the East Coast.
- Pillar Reports
  - Research & Alumni
    - Nothing else to report.
  - Teaching & Curriculum
    - Ryan: have drafted a letter calling for teachers. Waiting on the call for pillar participation to go out, also have a couple edits. If the pillar call goes out this weekend, can get the teaching letter posted w/in about a week.
  - Temple & Tech

- Nothing to report. Will communicate around wiki/WP, try to set up a meeting.
  - Solar Cross/legal/non-profit status
    - Sandra is the point person for interactions with SC, doesn't have Robert's contact info. Sandra will go through Thorn to get it and reach him.
- New Business
  - Rescheduling?
    - Can we meet an hour later? General assent.
    - So: we will meet at 11am going forward.
- Go over everyone's action items for next time
  - Ari: Temple & Tech stuff: wiki, pillar meeting, proposal
  - Jenn: Post general call for pillar participation, post about research projects, post about retreat
  - Ryan: Teaching & Curriculum call for teachers (waiting on the general pillar call)
- Facilitator leads breathing and prayer to close

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## Full Notes

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  - Ealasaid: waiting on wiki, will keep updated
    - Google sites kind of clunky. Wordpress is probably better
    - Ryan: media wiki is an option
    - Nancy: might be better to have something our person is familiar with. We haven't gotten enough involvement to make it important for everyone to edit.
    - Ryan: People involved with the pillars will have to be able to post. Teaching has stuff they need to post.
    - Benefit of wiki over wordpress: wiki is designed around text and has a lot of info/history when changes are made. Won't make things super pretty, but will let us see past edits and what's up with them. Also indexes and searches better, and makes linking easy.
    - Ari: we need a lot of people to be able to be admin types in case people get busy
    - Nancy: sounds like we need to be sure of which is more user-friendly
    - John: should we let Sarah know we're doing this? She might kick in and set up Moodle too
    - Ealasaid: we should probably assume that we're not going to get anything from Sarah, she's really busy. We can get to it when it happens.
    - John: also we need to bring temple and tech in on this.

- Nancy: can we pick one and change later?
- Ryan: It's not permanent, but wikis use wiki markup that won't necessarily play well with something other than a wiki. WP is its own thing.
- Nancy: Does WP offer a wiki?
- E: no
- Ryan: if we were just trying to organize an info repository, wiki is probably better
- E: WP doesn't have a history function, so wiki may be better
- Ryan: wiki may be better long-term as a repository of information. If we want a blog/site to promote SC/Mstar, WP is the way to go.
- Ari: the person thorn is working with is going to deliver a website (in theory)
- Jenn: that's the plan, but in the past we've had a lot of trouble with communication between SC and us, between contractors hired by SC and us. Probably a good idea to have a website and a wiki that are totally under our control. We've been going through a lot of transition/chaos.
- Nancy: Likes that idea.
- Ryan: if we want to get off Moodle in the future, there are a few other options.
- Nancy: short on time, let's pass this off to Temple & Tech so we can move on.
- Pairs will schedule meetings before next Steering mtg
  - Ealasaid & John: report on 5/10 call
    - John: we had two people show – Sandra and Louise. Louise really appreciated it, wasn't entirely clear on the pillars and participation and stuff. Communication is big, we need to get info out there. We work hard to do it, but sometimes it still doesn't get seen.
    - Ealasaid: we talked about the whole tradition thing, but Thorn has been against that in the past, discomfort around that.
    - Ryan: She's leaving, she doesn't have veto power anymore
    - John: she might be seeing something we aren't, we should talk with her about it.
    - Jenn: might have been that Thorn didn't want to head a tradition, we need to talk with her.
    - Nancy: feeling anxious – doing a doodle poll – we might want to split things so that there's a supportive fraternal order/tradition and the teaching side spins off. Autonomy on both sides. Something to look at if we start voting.
    - Ryan: all the proposals we're looking at, there's an application process between finishing the basic curriculum/training and getting to join the school proper
    - Nancy: The collegiality (fraternal order implies secret handshakes, hahaha)
  - Other pairs: scheduling update
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    - Nancy has to leave – can we meet an hour later for the rest of the summer? (Under new business)
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  - Solar Cross/legal/non-profit status
    - Ryan: understanding is that we're waiting on SC people.
    - John: have we gotten any response from attempts to reach SC?
    - Ari: who's the point person?
    - John: Sandra has volunteered to be the point person, but hasn't gotten a reply.
    - Ryan: Thorn asked for a few ideas around Mstar taking things over. Doesn't want to cross the streams, who will take point on trying to reach SC?
    - Sandra: doesn't have contact info for Robert, will go through Thorn and try again
    - Ryan: If SC totally vanishes, what do we need to keep going? We can get our own Zoom. If we lose Moodle, can figure something out. The 501(c)3 entity ceases to exist, we are kind of hosed. This is a big deal, we need to get this sorted out. We need an umbrella for our money to go through. We can take over from them, but need their assistance for this. REALLY want to avoid having to get our own 501(c)3 status.
- Any new business?
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    - Can we meet an hour later? General assent.
    - Ryan: weeknights might be better?
    - Crosstalk, generally: no.
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  - Ryan: teaching pillar post stuff.
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