

Morningstar Steering Committee

October 13, 2018 10am Pacific

Facilitator: Ryan Pierce

Present: Jenn Herbert, Ealasaid Haas, Nancy TannerTheis, Laura Craig Mason, Ari, Ryan, Sandra Pomeroy

Absent: None

- Call to order 10:06pm (Pacific)
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
- Approve minutes from previous meeting
 - ◆ Laura moves to approve, unanimous assent.
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting:
 - ◆ Everybody
 - Read bylaws - will discuss during New Business
 - ◆ Laura
 - Email to announce first temporary board meeting and that the October call is the first general membership meeting - Yes.
 - Circle back w/Jenn re: retreat Doodle - Yes. (Jenn hasn't had time to do much lately, will do so when she's back from the conference.)
 - Also ask Jenn about newsletter idea - Yes. Part of very large email.
 - Look at the bylaws of other nonprofit for useful language - Couldn't find anything, would've added in the notes.
 - Confirm with Jenn about who contact is for pillar - Part of email
 - ◆ Sandra
 - Check w/IRS that we're classified correctly - the tax form in the EIN letter was the wrong one. She called yesterday for like 90min, shitty phone system and understaffed. Bottom line: did indeed check a wrong box - corporation instead of non-profit. Needs to write a letter explaining the situation, that it's a typo. Has the address to write it to. There's a process for corps to transfer into nonprofits, so we won't need a new EIN or anything. We can use the EIN to establish a bank account and stuff, it's almost definitely not going to change.
 - We *will* need to do that tax form though. 1023 EZ, some other stuff. Should be able to do simple versions of the tax forms.
 - Sandra: Write to IRS re: corp/nonprofit

- ◆ Ealasaid
 - Liability insurance research - Yep
 - Looks like we need General Liability Insurance
 - Ryan: do we need to have a separate policy for the board? Had to do one for OTO. Officers and Directors insurance can bet lumped in with the general liability just need to make sure we get that covered. Biggest thing to make sure of: that anything we rent for retreats is covered.
 - Sandra: we can do riders for events, that's what Community Seed did. Riders on the general liability policy.
 - Ryan: Talk to insurance broker (has a broker who is really great)
 - Ask Teaching about who their contact person is - yes
- ◆ Jenn: discuss reaching out to less-active members with R&A pillar, draft some language. - will do that after the con.
- ◆ Ryan: post a call for people to register as students - yep. Classes have started.
- Pillar and other standing reports
 - ◆ Research & Alumni Pillar - Jenn
 - We have two other people in the pillar now
 - Working on getting together on a weekday night over Zoom to go over things like alumni definition and things. Will meet within the month.
 - ◆ Teaching & Curriculum Pillar - Ryan
 - Successfully launched 2 of 3 classes (not enough students for the Demon Work class, but the other two are going forward). Everyone is using the new website, it's all going well.
 - Was there something about budget stuff? Sandra: yes, that's for next month's big meeting.
 - Ryan: some open issues around teacher feedback and a couple other things, otherwise it's going well.
 - ◆ Temple & Tech Pillar - Laura
 - Talked about helping with overall school engagement at last pillar meeting
 - Ideas included checkins with people who aren't checking in.
 - Need to get folks to take ownership of temple open/close and chat facilitations.
 - Meet monthly, next meeting will be talking about plans for next year.
 - ◆ Retreat Committee - Jenn
 - Haven't met since wrapping the previous retreat. Laura has posted about the next retreat, Cedar is interesting in having it local to him.
 - Need to sort out next steps.
 - Laura: everyone fill out surveys for timing and input on last retreat!

- Jenn: we need to look over the survey and pick a date and book the place.
 - ◆ Solar Cross/nonprofit status
 - Much discussion.
 - Difficulty communicating with Solar Cross about the money they said they would give us. John is working on it.
 - If they don't come through with funds, we could ask members to chip in a little to pay back people who paid up front for things like the new domain.
 - Sandra: We should wait on requesting special funds from members until we get the 1023 EZ filed with Oregon DOJ. That is in process.
- Tuition and Membership Benefits
 - ◆ Will continue tuition/dues hold until we get finances settled. We need a budget.
- New Business:
 - ◆ Bylaws
 - Much discussion, editing bylaws through Google Docs during meeting.
 - Jenn: will meet with R&A pillar and bring back definitions of alumni and researchers.
 - More discussion. Will table bylaws until first official Board of Directors meeting.
 - Discussion about fiscal year.
 - Laura: moves that our fiscal year be Samhain-Samhain barring Ryan finding something concerning before Weds at midnight; Sandra has approval to go forward on the forms on Thursday. Jenn seconds. Unanimous.
 - Ryan: do we want to review the form before filing?
 - General: no.
 - Laura moves that Ealasaid Haas and John Mirassou open a bank account as cosignators. Seconded by Sandra. Unanimous approval
 - Discussion about the relationship between Pillars and the Board; nothing resolved.
- Facilitator leads breathing and prayer to close