

# Morningstar Mystery School

## Board of Directors

### May Meeting

### Minutes

Saturday 5/11/19 10am Pacific

Present: Ken, Ealasaid, Laura, Sandra, Katie

Facilitator: Ken

Notes: Ealasaid

Called to order at 12:05pm

- Facilitator led everyone in aligning, connecting to Lux, and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.
- Checking in: what do you bring to the call today?
- Approve minutes from previous meeting.
  - ◆ [brief discussion - second copy of the minutes sent out.]
  - ◆ Minutes approved.
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
  - ◆ Sandra:
    - Look at bylaws table from that long meeting and see if the answers to our questions about alumni are there
      - ◆ Set up a Slack channel for discussion and added existing documentation for reference. Once we settle that, we can amend the bylaws.
    - Add Katie to Slack - done
    - IRS stuff – haven't had time, but deadline is in August. No news on 501(c)3 filing but may not hear anything before June/July. Since we have filings due in August will need it straightened out before then.
  - ◆ Ken:
    - Check schedule for May meeting, let us know by 4/20 – done.
      - ◆ He can't make June 8; we will have quorum without him and so will meet then.
      - ◆ July: will meet the 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm Eastern.
  - ◆ Laura:
    - Look at notes from bylaws discussion – Couldn't find anything. Will keep digging and add to Slack if she finds anything.
    - Spend up to \$50 on domain names - connect with Ealasaid and John. Yes,

- working on it to get that set up.
  - Draft data retention policy – done. Everyone please take a look and leave comments.
  - Draft dues processes, share with board – discussing w/John, then will get that out.
- ◆ Ealasaid:
  - Check in w/Thorn about .org – Laura will be talking w/Sarah about that. The .org site is down, but we're not sure what the deal is with the name. Laura will get info about it from Sarah.
  - Try to find minutes from bylaws discussion re alumni class today and send out. - done
  - Find IRS survey and send to Sandra – need to get
  - Put conflict resolution board on next month's agenda. - done
- Pillar and other standing reports
  - ◆ Research & Alumni (Katie)
    - Met! Talked a bit about plans for next six months.
    - May need to sync up with Temple and Tech around reaching out to people to make sure they don't overlap.
    - Did talk about the blog, will get to that in new business.
    - Louise wanted to make sure in budgeting that we include the retreat fund, Jen put money into that but hasn't been reimbursed.
  - ◆ Teaching & Curriculum (Ealasaid)
    - Call for teachers, only got one. Will meet tomorrow and see what we do about it.
    - Trying to set up a regular recurring meeting, but still managing to meet every month.
  - ◆ Temple & Tech (Laura)
    - Took a break. Laura gone, Sandra busy
    - Ken: needs a bit of an orientation about Slack, docs, where are things.
    - Laura: can set up a short meeting and then document things. Will create Doodle.
    - Sandra: most of the files are in the school Google Drive, but there's material floating around elsewhere that needs corralling. Some cleanup is probably in order.
  - ◆ Retreat Committee (Laura)
    - Got responses from people who can attend. Cedar's been out of town but will contact the locations near him soon. We might be able to use an actual retreat place! He'll use the number of people when getting information.
    - Laura: teaching agenda – cords. Do they map to classes? General response: no.
    - Sandra: seems like the cords should be related to what the school's teaching. Maybe that's an ask for Teaching & Curriculum to sort out.
    - Laura: one of the cords is about psychic skills but we don't teach that right now.
    - Sandra: the astral temple work is a part of that, but Thorn's main curriculum

doesn't really include it. Do we need additions to the curriculum for it? Where do those additions go, what might they look like, etc. That also has broader implications around what direction we want to take the school, etc.

- Ken: is that something we should send to T&C as a note or something?
- Ealasaid: usually we just say "hey liaison, tell the pillar the thing" so I will tell the pillar the thing.
- Sandra: We were talking about having a central communication file.
- Laura: started a document for this stuff, adding to it.  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-r1DYbLGNFNWv9LhuoZt\\_0fDjeT\\_1DJLrkLb-91\\_f0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-r1DYbLGNFNWv9LhuoZt_0fDjeT_1DJLrkLb-91_f0/edit?usp=sharing)
- Laura: will be doing a call for workshops for the retreat, want to sort out how we reach out to folks who don't respond to calls. Like we reached out to Ken to join the Board.
- Checkin: Tuition and membership benefits.  
(aka what are students getting for their dues? Generally this has already been covered under Pillar reports or similar, but we want to keep this in mind as much as possible)
  - ◆ Laura thinks we are looking at classes, structure stuff that takes the place of this
  - ◆ Sandra: what if we make this a quarterly or semi-annual or annual thing, where we dedicate a board meeting to looking at what we've accomplished, where we could've done better, etc. maybe in the middle of the year. Then at the beginning of the year we could do a long-term planning board meeting. (thumbs up from E and Laura). Then just need to decide which meeting those'll be. Maybe the summer solstice meeting would be the look back, then look forward at winter solstice. (lots of nods)
  - ◆ July 6 is closest to the solstice, so we'll do it then. Then first meeting after winter solstice is look forward.
- New Business
  - ◆ Conflict Resolution Board
    - Sandra has been pushing this a lot, feels we really need to get it put together. Hopefully won't need it, but really need to set it up.
    - [Discussion about who to ask and how to do it]
    - Laura will compose email messages individually to Nancy, Starr, and Cedar asking them to read over the info from the bylaws/structure docs, comment on changes/resources, and meet in the next month.
    - Laura will draft the doc.
  - ◆ From R&A: is there anything "inner core" that we shouldn't reveal publicly?
    - Katie: Jenn hasn't posted to the blog in part because she's not sure about what can/can't be revealed to the public? There's only one submission but it includes stuff from Morningstar Ritual Protocol
    - [Discussion]
    - The ritual protocol has been done publicly a couple of times, so it's not "inner

core.”

- Things that are: the Astral Temple (not just its keys, but its existence at all), Lux, the school egregore
  - Sandra: artwork involving the Temple that doesn't say what it *is* is probably okay. Art about experience in the temple is probably ok as long as it doesn't include the keys, “astral address.” Don't say “I went to the MMS Astral temple and had this experience!” but folks can write about their personal experiences in it. One definitely can't talk about anybody else's experiences including their teachers, can't tell people how to get in. but other than this we don't really have secrets?
  - Sandra: feels confident that we can talk about the three streams but we can't talk about how they were discovered, about the origins of the work. We can talk about the specifics of the work itself. Thorn has encouraged us to expand the number of people doing the work of reuniting the three streams. We can incorporate the teaching but the specifics are private – who found it, how, etc. that's not our story to tell. We can own our own experience of it, that there's this split and we need to integrate. We don't need to understand how global warming started to know I need to cut back on consumption.
  - Katie: has enough for now, may be questions later as they get more submissions.
  - Laura: can include this stuff in the social media policy. Guidelines for blog, Twitter, etc should all be aligned.
  - Ken: how is any of this understanding communicated to our community? Both how is the knowledge itself that we protect communicated as new people come in, like how do we introduce new folks to the egregore, temple, etc. Do we have any routine way of accomplishing that? How do we tell people when something is held closely, info we don't share widely? This seems like Teaching & Curriculum but also maybe Temple & Tech?
  - Laura was working on an orientation project with Ari, will dig this up. This stuff was not at all clear when Laura joined.
- Go over everyone's action items for next time
    - ◆ Everyone: Look over and comment on data retention policy and other material when Laura sends it out
    - ◆ Sandra: IRS call
    - ◆ Laura
      - Connect w/Sarah around .org; other domain names
      - Draft dues process/policy and send around for comment
      - Set up "orientation" meeting
      - Draft invite for Conflict Resolution Board
      - Add info on what is in-MStar-only information to social media policy.
    - ◆ Ealasaid

- IRS survey stuff
- Communicate with Teaching & Curriculum that Board wants cords info laid out
- Make notes - July BoD call to discuss looking back over what we've provided to students; January meeting is for looking forward and planning the coming year.
- Confirm next month's call – June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm Eastern, Ken probably can't come.
- Facilitator leads breathing and prayer to close.