

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

October 12, 2019 Meeting

Minutes

Present: Ealasaïd, Laura, Katie, Ken, Sandra

Facilitator: Laura

Called to Order at 11:15am

- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
- Treasurer report
- Approve minutes from previous meeting – unanimous.
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting:
 - ◆ All: continue Tomb discussion and Look at Tomb writeup for newsletter
 - Did those, but didn't create the forum.
 - Let's hold off on forum until the Tomb is created at the retreat.
 - Retreat committee needs more information
 - Ken: This is the school equivalent of demon work, can we draw from the class?
 - Sandra: Well, this is the setup for demon work, this is infrastructure.
 - Sandra has ideas, but doesn't want to step on Temple Maintainers' toes
 - Would be great to have someone step up like Sarah stepped up for leading the rekeying, someone to be a priest and handle things like opening/closing the temple
 - we basically need to write a job description
 - Someone confident on the astral
 - Has bandwidth to do several activities a month with Temple & Tomb.
 - Can kind of rally the maintainers
 - We all experienced that first Temple introduction from Thorn in different ways and didn't write things down.
 - Sandra would like to work with the person who winds up doing this, Zoom in at the retreat. Maybe we should talk about the Tomb on the All School Chat this month and ask for volunteers – anybody interested in doing this role, and Sandra will work with them. Doesn't leave a whole lot of time before the retreat, though. The work itself doesn't need a ton of prep, we just need a firm structure and plan in place and a person who can do the coordination work afterward.

- The temple is organic and makes its needs known over time. We need the Tomb person to work with the maintainers to see how things shift once the Tomb is in place. Maybe we need someone to coordinate separate from the Tomb priest?
- Laura will talk to Jenn, include Sandra in email chain.
- Laura: make tomb forum for testing
- Sandra will join maintainers spaces
- Tomb will be topic for All-School Chat
- Laura will give overview summary of this conversation so they know before the school chat.
- Do we need to vote on creating a new role? We're supposed to approve changes to the pillars but haven't been. We should have an overall list of who's in the pillars.
- ◆ Sandra: send Tomb writeup to newsletter folks when it's ready. - done
- ◆ Sandra: review bylaws and summarize what they say around responsibility and power.
 - Didn't have enough time to go through them entirely. They're very broadly written. Needs an extension, will email out a bullet point or charted or something list of the roles and so on.
 - Sandra: continue examining the bylaws. Create list/chart of roles and authorities
- ◆ Laura: raise liaison issue with Teaching pillar. Needs more time.
- ◆ Laura: draft current processes in Visio
- Pillar and other standing reports
 - ◆ Research & Alumni Pillar (Katie)
 - Took info from last time to Pillar, Louise reacted positively, no response from Jenn or any other action. Pillar is really bogged down.
 - Laura: needs external oomph?
 - Katie: yeah. Not sure how much is her approach or that she's new or someone else is stuck somehow? It's not moving.
 - Much discussion.
 - Let's communicate to the Pillar that maybe we're not ready to have a full on blog, but it'd be good to have an irregular series of posts so we can give the public more of who and what we are. We'd really like to get what posts we have on a schedule – maybe quarterly? By next board meeting, let's have at least one post up and the others scheduled.
 - Sandra: Maybe let's time content releases to the cross quarters? If we wind up with lots of content, easy to up to eight points.
 - ◆ Teaching & Curriculum Pillar – Laura
 - Working on psychic skills class, scheduling out. Classes in progress, talking about next wave of classes to start in Feb. Going to recruit a new person to fill out Pillar.
 - ◆ Temple & Tech Pillar - Laura
 - Temple maintainers.

- ◆ Retreat Committee – Laura!
 - Working on prep, email to go out, ride coordination, etc. Meeting in 2 wks. Lots going on.
- ◆ IRS Stuff, if any
 - Fed taxes filed, state taxes in progress. John working on it. Sandra helping. Wants to get done by end of fisc year.
- New Business
 - ◆ Board Elections!
 - Sandra: We're kind of out of time. This coming all school chat should be the annual meeting. Board is supposed to be elected at the annual meeting. D'oh. Because of our volunteer nature, a year isn't very long. Do we want to extend board terms to 2 yrs? That requires amending the bylaws and approval by membership. In the meantime, suggests we have a footnote at the next all-school chat and a post in the forum to say, we're at the end of the fiscal year, it's time for a board election, if you're interested in volunteering, etc. we can schedule elections in Dec/Jan.
 - Laura will draft post about it.
 - Sandra: we do have to have an election this year, even if it's just confirming the volunteers.
 - Ken: We might want to stagger terms, so we don't wear out people and then have huge turnover every two years.
 - Sandra: we could do election as under current bylaws, then amend bylaws to change paramers. Then we just have to figure out the language for A/B years within terms.
 - Laura: we could start a shared Google doc to write out ideas for this.
 - ◆ From last meeting: How do we post policies, retain them, and make sure they're being followed? Larger question around how policies are being stored and shared.
 - Saving for next time.
 - ◆ Pillars need to send newsletter items to Lyssa! Reminded everyone.
- Reimbursing Thorn for Zoom and overdonation from Solar Cross
 - ◆ Tabled until we get confirmation from Thorn
 - ◆ Tax ramifications of giving some money back? If we give it back in same fiscal year, can call it an accounting error. If we cross the end of the year, then things get more complex. Technically our financial filings are super simple and the only reason we'd need to doc this is in case of audit. We should vote on the larger refund and ask John to send before end of month.
 - ◆ Motion to refund \$2000 to Thorn? Everyone good. Sandra will tell John.
- Action Items
 - ◆ Laura:
 - Get Ken on/off appropriate groups

- Talk to Jenn - tomb as topic for all school chat (board election footnote), include Sandra in email chain.
- Make tomb forum for testing
- Draft post calling for board members and send around
- Talk to Teaching about liaison issue
- Give overview summary of this conversation so they know before the school chat.
- ◆ Sandra
 - Continue examining the bylaws. Create list/chart of roles and authorities
 - Join maintainers spaces
 - Instruct treasurer to refund \$2000 to Solar Cross before end of year.
- Confirm next month's call – November 9th, 10am Pacific
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.

Adjourned at 11:56am