

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

January Meeting

Minutes

January 11, 2020

Present: Ealasaid, Laura, Katie, Ken, Sandra, Breven

Facilitator: Laura

Called to Order at 10:05am Pacific

- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
- Teaching & Curriculum Pillar Report (Breven)
 - ◆ Current classes are done or wrapping up
 - ◆ Psychic skills (Tony), Planes of Stability (Breven) – to begin early Feb.
 - ◆ New Elements to start in March, Jen and Laura will be teaching! They're still setting costs. Sandra was going to send info but didn't. We'll get it to them in the next two weeks.
 - ◆ Need to know other financial needs for the pillar, e.g. marketing. They'll get back to us with that.
 - ◆ Breven left.
- Treasurer report (John)
 - ◆ Sandra stepped out.
 - ◆ List of who's caught up on dues sent to Laura.
 - ◆ About \$7,800 in bank and \$200 in Paypal. Not much in the way of expenses lately.
 - ◆ John left, Sandra back.
- Approve minutes from previous meeting
 - ◆ Ealasaid failed to attach them to the notice earlier this week, sent during Treasurer Report
 - ◆ Will review and approve these next month.
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - ◆ Nobody got to theirs (except Ealasaid and the scan thing), so carry these to next month too.
 - ◆ Sandra
 - Create the template for pillar reports and send around.

- Post on forum and FB about needing volunteers for Board, Laura will pass to Lyssa for newsletter
 - Reply to Tony's email
- ◆ Laura: Draft an ask (calling for volunteers for a scholarship subcommittee) and write up an outline for us to discuss.
- ◆ Ealasaid: scan the annual report letter and send around - done
- Pillar and other standing reports
 - ◆ Research & Alumni Pillar (Katie)
 - Going well, working on marketing stuff.
 - ◆ Teaching & Curriculum Pillar
 - ◆ Temple & Tech Pillar (Laura)
 - Start of year meeting well, have plans.
 - Board please review rec for paid Google account – free account has limits, paid gives us more space and better control over our data; \$72/yr. Not the pro account, which is a lot.
 - T&T wants \$80/year for that.
 - Voted, approved
 - ◆ Retreat Committee (Laura)
 - Hasn't met or done anything. Cedar's father passed, so they're kind of in holding pattern.
 - ◆ IRS Stuff (Sandra)
 - Tax stuff is all on track.
 - Annual report thing should be straightforward.
 - Ealasaid: has note Sandra took care of it.
 - Sandra: will double check.
 - Will have some tax filings in March. Treasurer will take care of that.
- SPECIAL MEETING: Long-Term Planning: What do we want to do over the next couple of years?
 - ◆ Talking about our individual goals around the school and a little about the school itself.
 - ◆ Laura is taking notes for facilitation purposes
 - ◆ Describing the school, kind of an elevator pitch to a potential student a few years from now.
 - Sandra: Morningstar Mystery School is a place where we engage in practices and studies which lead us to self knowledge and self possession, which enables us to engage with our lives and the world around us with clarity, presence and power.
 - Laura: "Vibrant and varied"
 - Katie: "where needs and goals are both supported."
 - Ealasaid: non-hierarchical university
 - Laura: potential goal: know who we are and how to share that with others.

- Sandra: gentler: this can be a year of integration. Take a breath from making changes at let things settle (at least from the board perspective). Pillars are all working in their own ways. Maybe we need to give some amount of time to allow identity to develop.
- ◆ Going to let the convo rest here and commit to journaling/divination/etc, and come back with thoughts and whatever problem-solving action items type things sprang to our mind. What might the board goals be, coming out of this?
- Action Items/thoughts for next time
 - ◆ Look at the minutes from last meeting and approve/not approve over emmail.
 - ◆ Action items from last time.
 - ◆ Talk next month about what we want out of the annual meeting of the membership at the next all-school chat. Sandra will get an agenda drafted and circulated.
 - ◆ Laura: thinks we should try allotting time for parts of our meetings, so next time, 30 min for that, 30 min for wrapping up today's convo, and 30 min for our other business.
- Confirm next month's call - February 8, 10am Pacific (weekend before the final Pantheacon!). Sandra to facilitate.
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.

Adjourned at 11:39am Pacific