

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

September Meeting

Minutes

9/12/2020 10am Pacific Time

Present: Katie, Louise, Sandra, Ealasaid, Tony

Facilitator: Louise

- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
- Brief checkin
- Approve minutes from previous meeting – next month
- Pillar and other standing reports
 - Teaching & Curriculum Pillar
 - Classes are going well, just restarted adv modules w/Self-possession and prep for demon work. Elements continuing to go well, down to about 3 really engaged students and a couple satellites.
 - Cedar's class coming up, both he and Laura have submitted more public-facing classes. Exciting! Been wanting to do public facing for a while and now it's happening. Someone from Tony's elements cohort is in it, alumni coming back
 - Starr and Jenn want to do a ritual, pinged teaching pillar and maybe the board (not sure), who do they talk to about that? Tony will fwd email to us.
 - Sandra: we need to do a contact page and a board of directors page on website.
 - Thinking about what happens for folks after Self-Possession. That's the last advanced course, do we want to just restart the sequence? Wants to bring discussion to us/the larger school.
 - Sandra: maybe ask school if there's any modules folks want us to revisit. Sandra wanted to be in Self Possession module but couldn't. Maybe revisiting modules as working groups or discussion rather than formal class?
 - Tony: opportunities for other people to facilitate or teach.
 - Sandra: yeah (general nods). Not everybody has to teach/facilitate but you learn things you wouldn't learn otherwise from doing it. Shared leadership, not burning people out just because they're talented (Tony: or just willing).
 - Tony done, left.
 - Research & Alumni Pillar

- Louise: pillar didn't meet. Will try to get together this month to meet and have report next time.
 - Temple & Tech Pillar
 - Laura not here. Newsletter getting put together. Call for submissions posted.
 - Retreat Committee
 - Laura not here
 - IRS/Business Stuff
 - Nothing
 - Registrar
 - Nothing
 - Treasurer – John's been occupied with the fire stuff, no report this month.
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - Ealasaid:
 - Notes from annual meeting, confirm sending - DONE! sent 7/6/20
 - Laura: Not here
 - Registrar info set up with Louise and John
 - Remind Katie and Louise to look at the scholarship policy
 - Schedule for board elections
 - Fee calendar (with John)
 - Louise: will do this after pillar meets
 - Pillar to draft what counts as "active" and draft language for people who are active and not paying dues
 - Sandra: Been having a lot of upheaval. Before evacuation, father died, lost power for 2 days, evacuated. Registered agent asking about annual report, need to confirm that happened.
 - Update minute book
 - Bylaws amendments
 - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance
- New Business
 - Ritual email from Jenn and Starr sent to us by Tony.
 - Sandra: Teaching pillar needs to be involved if they want to do a followup course. Also concerned people may not realize they will become too open, etc. Safeguards? What kind of aftercare? That's part of the trick of virtual stuff people aren't there physically, don't have ability to help them, they're alone in their homes. Need some kind of ending checkin or something to help people out. If we're going to do public rituals, we MUST take care of people who are participating.
 - Katie will reply to email.
 - Sandra: ping from Shining Flame about the fires, feeling neglected. Maybe as a school we should do some guardian work. Not sure what that would look like.

- Louise would dig working with fire element and guardian. Has felt some stuff also. Tony did a bunch of guardian work a while back, posted about it.
 - Sandra will look for his post and ping him.
 - Discussion around fires and drought
 - Sandra remembers making a guardians rosary, where you chant names every day. Could do that and see where it goes.
- Idea maybe for teaching pillar? Research and alumni pillar?: guest lecturers? Bringing adepts from different traditions to hear their perspectives. We could tap our alumni, other teachers, folks familiar with our work but doing other things now.
- Action Items
 - Ealasaid:
 - Minutes from August call
 - (Ping Laura about BoD page for site)
 - Katie
 - Reply to Jenn & Starr about ritual inquiry
 - Laura
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 - Sandra
 - Ping Tony about Guardian/elemental work
 - Update minute book
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 - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance
- Confirm next month's call – October 10, 2020 10am Pacific
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.

Adjourned at 11:07am