

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

October Meeting

Minutes

10/10/2020

Present: Katie, Laura, Louise, Sandra, Ealasaid, Breven (to start)

Facilitator: Sandra

Called to Order at 10:10am

- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
- Brief checkin
- Approve minutes from previous meeting
 - Approved
- Pillar and other standing reports
 - Teaching & Curriculum Pillar (Breven)
 - 3 classes right now – prep for demon, Self Possession, Cedar's class on Triple Soul
 - Doesn't have feedback from that class yet, it just started.
 - Other two, things are going well.
 - Tony started a discussion with the school about what's next from the teaching pillar. Not a lot of answers yet, so we will wait and see.
 - Laura: how long to gather info, do you need any support?
 - Breven: only two people joined in so far, so we need more time
 - Laura: maybe bring up in all-school chat in a couple weeks?
 - New class starting – Laura's! Two students registered already.
 - Breven signed off.
 - Research & Alumni Pillar (Louise)
 - Met this week.
 - Made revisions to active and alumni and sent to board, copied below:
 - Active members are either teaching, taking a class, or in between classes and planning to continue with a formal research project, class, or teaching within the next year. They can be members of the board and members of pillars. They participate in monthly check ins, temple visits, and pay monthly dues. They attend in-person retreats if desired.

- Alumni have completed some coursework in mstar, but not necessarily all, and wish to remain associated with the school as they identify with the work of liberation as part of their ongoing personal magic. They may not vote on the board of directors or removal of directors, and cannot attend the annual meeting. All other voting rights are removed. They cannot be members of the pillars or the board. Alumni wishing to become active members again, as students or teachers, can contact the research and alumni pillar for re admittance and any teaching applications would be forwarded to the teaching pillar for consideration. Alumni may volunteer as mentors for current students involved in research projects. Alumni will have access to a limited "alumni section" of the members only section where notices such as other "all school notices" would be posted. They would not have access to monthly check ins and class sections of the website. They would not be able to attend the yearly in person retreats. A \$25 annual donation towards the school is suggested for all alumni. Facebook member access is for both alumni, current students, and any former students wishing to still be associated with members of the school.
- Thinking of posting a brief version publicly, maybe on Facebook.
- Ritual for change of status – during cord ritual, since that's also a change of status ritual. Folks who have finished Elements could come, get their white bracelet if they want. Haven't discussed details on alumni who want to return, but could have something for them. If we're doing it once a year, having a formal process.
- Pillar doesn't want to post publicly until Board okays it.
- Laura: bylaw changes?
- Sandra: are alumni, under this definition, members of the school? If they aren't, if they can't vote or attend retreat, they're not members. Should amend bylaws at some point, but can implement this first. Formalizing a method to not be a member of the school, to go off the rolls of membership.
- Sandra: Having a class of members that is different, can be tricky with nonprofit status. Having it clear that they're not members but can become members again will make things simpler.
- Louise: could the pillar edit, run past board, then post on Facebook?
- General assent
- Laura: if you want other changes on the website, just let me know, can make a space just for alumni, for example.
- Sandra: we need to have these definitions written somewhere easy to find for other folks. Once bylaws are edited and polished, can amend them and post as well.
- Sandra: Formal board motion to approve, have pillar write up simple version, approve by email.
- Temple & Tech Pillar (Laura)

- Brief meeting last week. Monthly new moon and signing up for all school chat is something we've been sustaining but very little engagement.
 - Sandra: if we mention it at the all-school chat, will sometimes get more engagement.
 - Katie volunteered to do it in November.
 - Sandra: idea to have current classes do something with all-school chat? Engaging the entirety of the school in the work supports the work of the class, sometimes in very powerful ways.
- Retreat Committee
 - Nothing to report
- IRS/Business Stuff (Sandra)
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- Registrar
 - Laura: email w/Louise, need updated general report to integrate into the registrar records.
 - Louise: looking at formalizing communications to members who aren't paying, etc.
- Treasurer (John)
 - August: incoming \$555, dues were \$285 paypal, \$200v check, \$65 donations. Paypal fee \$12.89; \$10257.11 total
 - September: \$125 dues via Paypal, \$60 check, donations \$165. Fee from Paypal of \$11.15, \$10595.96 total.
 - Cedar doesn't have to pay dues for Oct because he's teaching.
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - Ealasaid:
 - Minutes from August call - done
 - Ping Laura about BoD page for site – done
 - Katie
 - Reply to Jenn & Starr about ritual inquiry - done
 - Laura – didn't get anything done, will do asap
 - Registrar info set up with Louise and John
 - Ping Katie and Louise to look at the scholarship policy
 - Schedule for board elections
 - Fee calendar (with John)
 - Louise
 - Pillar to draft what counts as "active" and draft language for people who are active and not paying dues – done. Just needs to draft email.
 - Sandra – didn't get to any of it.
 - Ping Tony about Guardian/elemental work
 - Update minute book
 - Bylaws amendments

- Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance
- New Business - none
- Action Items
 - Louise
 - Draft formal email about nonpayment of dues, etc.
 - Sandra
 - Ping Tony about Guardian/elemental work
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 - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance
 - Laura
 - Registrar info set up with Louise and John
 - Circle back Katie and Louise to look at the scholarship policy
 - Schedule for board elections
 - Fee calendar (with John)
- Confirm next month's call – Saturday November 14, 2020, 10am Pacific
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.

Adjourned at 11:22am