

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

November Meeting

Minutes

Saturday, November 14, 2020

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

Facilitator: Katie

Called to Order at 10:00am

- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
- Brief check-in
- Pillar and other standing reports
 - Teaching & Curriculum Pillar (Lyssa)
 - Cedar has a strong class for Triple Soul. Self Possession and Preparation for Demon Work are going well.
 - Things set for Psychic Skills and Planes, discussing future offerings – small things in particular.
 - When a class drops down to almost nobody, do we want to have a quorum? Pull the plug?
 - Laura talking about Elements – two students still theoretically engaged, another complained when she had her access revoked.
 - Sandra: if there is one teacher and one student that is the threshold. Right now, anyway. We've had tiny classes before, Katie's cohort was small. Having in-person meetings would help so much, especially for Elements, but we can't right now. We have to not take any of this personally, it's not personal. If a teacher says, I can't do this without more engagement, we can close the class or we can find another teacher. And that's okay. We sort of muddle along as best we can, take everything as a learning experience. Do our best with it and pull all the info out of it as we can, including about ourselves. So, what can we (the Board) do, especially for the Elements class? Life can be intense.
 - Laura: agrees, we need teachers to get the support they need, including telling students "I need you to check in once a month that you're still alive.
 - Sandra: Elements is a big deal. When she took it, it was called an apprenticeship. Bigger commitment – quarterly retreats, etc, and the in person stuff was really

important. Maybe we can do something like that with the current Elements class. Not quarterly, but something. In person is so different and so important. Elements changes your life – how hard is it to make an online class change your life? The support is different.

- Laura: agrees, and also there are ways for her to do better that she wants to do. But half of us in the call were online-only for Elements. Laura wouldn't have signed up for the quarterly retreats setup.
- General agreement - Boundaries! It can be hard. Different things work for different people
- Sandra: We could think about breaking up Elements so it's not a two year thing. Break it up like we did the Morningstar work, people sign up a quarter at a time.
- Research & Alumni Pillar (Louise)
 - Sent out the new material. She reorganized the info to make it more clear.
 - Sandra: will go through and make sure it all lines up with other regulations we have to meet. We probably need to legalese it up for the bylaws.
 - Laura: if we adopt it as is, will need to readjust forum stuff.
 - Sandra: we should assess how much of an additional burden that will be. If it's too much, we can find a way to bring in help.
- Temple & Tech Pillar (Laura)
 - Everything is working, people are signed up for stuff. Meetings have been pretty low-key.
 - Will have December newsletter, is pretty thin, need pillars to think about what they want to put in.
- Approve minutes from previous meeting – approved unanimously
 - Katie: looks like the to-do items got pasted twice at the end.
- Back to reports
 - Retreat Committee (Laura) – no news.
 - IRS/Business Stuff (Sandra)
 - John is working on end of year financials.
 - Annual filings are pretty simple.
 - Need to make sure that some time in near future we nail down list of members. We don't have to submit it anywhere but we do have to have it. Now that we had a definition of alumni should be able to sort that out.
 - Registrar (Louise)
 - No news, hasn't done the language draft yet.
 - Treasurer (John)
 - Will send us numbers in writing, didn't get to them.
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - Louise
 - Draft formal email about nonpayment of dues, etc. - didn't get to it
 - Sandra

- Ping Tony about Guardian/elemental work – not yet. Started rereading his stuff to prep for writing email.
- Update minute book - not yet
- Bylaws amendments - not yet
- Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance – not yet
- Laura
 - Registrar info set up with Louise and John - not yet
 - Circle back Katie and Louise to look at the scholarship policy – did, it's fine.
 - Schedule for board elections – not yet
 - Fee calendar (with John) – not yet
- New Business - none
- Action Items – same as above.
- Confirm next month's call – December 12, 2020 10am Pacific – confirm.
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.