

# Morningstar Mystery School

## Board of Directors

### December Meeting

### Minutes

December 12, 2020

Present: Katie, Laura, Louise, Sandra, Ealasaid, Tony (for report)

Facilitator: Laura

Called to Order at 10:05am

- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
- Brief check-in
- Approve minutes from previous meeting
  - Sandra moves to approve, Laura second, all approve.
- Pillar and other standing reports
  - Teaching & Curriculum Pillar (Tony)
    - Folks are interested in more mystery work besides self-possession; trying to figure out what's next.
    - Open to feedback. No current plans.
    - Interest in doing a sort of rolling Elements course, where you'd sign up for a quarter. We could align elements with their seasons, but no concrete plans yet.
      - Discussion around rolling Elements. Some concern around the fact that Elements used to require application and approval – some folks may be prickly if that requirement is dropped.
      - Seasonal, maybe? Spring = Air, Summer = Fire, Fall = Water, Winter = Earth; then Spring = Air/Above, Summer = Fire/Below, Fall = Water/Center.
      - Would want requirement to take the four regular elements before starting three Spirit ones.
      - Having a different approach may let some folks take Elements who wouldn't be up for the traditional version.
      - Laura: we'd have to adjust the curriculum but that's doable. We'd need solid tracking, and that's doable. One of her students had to drop and was interested in a more modular version so they can digest information between classes.

- Sandra: the classic four elements are a unit, the three Spirit ones are more like the center column of the tree, you'd have to commit to all three. We have so much more flexibility than Thorn did because we have so many more points of view and more resources. Online-only is so different from in-person.
  - Laura: interested in defining what commitment means at this point. What does it look like? This is really different. We as a school re-imagine this every time. She and Jen reworked a bunch of things to deal with ableism and other issues. Plus every teacher will have a different take.
- Tony signed off.
- Research & Alumni Pillar (Katie)
  - Didn't meet.
  - Louise sent a draft of a non-payment email to Board list, general approval.
  - Sandra: Alumni aren't a type of member, "Alumn" is a relationship to the school. So that bit needs rewording.
  - Laura to work with Louise to finalize email.
- Temple & Tech Pillar (Sandra)
  - Newsletter is light but deadline for submissions has passed.
    - Pillar discussed using the newsletter to open up space for reflection on 2020. Discussed having forum space for that.
    - Ealasaid was to follow up with Laura about New Moon signups, Laura was super busy that day and forgot.
      - ★ Laura has a quarterly post about for folks to sign up.
      - ★ Discussion around where to have a single place to see if anyone has signed up. Then we could link to it from monthly checkin threads and during monthly all-school chat.
      - ★ Laura to make Google doc and link to it. Discussion about where to link to it from; T&T should look at Facebook and whether we can limit facebook posts to active members of the school.
      - ★ Social media posts: who is in charge? We want everyone to be able to do anything, but then we aren't finding a person and saying, OK this is your job now. We don't have a social media person. Needs sorting out.
- Retreat Committee (Laura)
  - Hasn't met yet, but setting date/time for one
- IRS/Business Stuff (Sandra)
  - Mail delivery issues.
  - We have material due in March and are good otherwise.
- Registrar
  - No update.
- Treasurer (John)
  - November very quiet. \$125 dues, \$115 donations, paypal took \$9.70, moved \$1,500 to Rivermark. Paypal is at \$343.74, checking \$10,758.54.

- He hasn't updated the Google doc; Laura needs that so she and Louise can send email to folks who haven't been paying.
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
  - Louise
    - Draft formal email about nonpayment of dues, etc. - done, discussed earlier.
  - Sandra
    - Ping Tony about Guardian/elemental work – not yet.
    - 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
    - Schedule for board elections – not yet
    - Fee calendar (with John) – not yet
- New Business - none
- Action Items
  - All: do 3card reading for next month (Reflection on where we are, what the challenge is, and where we're going.), share pic of
  - Laura
    - **Schedule for board elections** – we need this in the newsletter!
    - Email each pillar, send written report for next month.
    - Google doc for New Moon and All-School chat signups.
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    - Fee calendar (with John)
  - Sandra
    - Ping Tony about Guardian/elemental work
    - Update minute book
    - Bylaws amendments
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- Confirm next month's call – January 9, 2021, 10am Pacific
  - Laura: would love if we all did a past/present/future reading before that call.
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.

Adjourned at 11:38am