

Morningstar Mystery School Board of Directors May 2021 Meeting Minutes

5/8/21

Present: Katie, Louise, Sandra, Ealasaid

Facilitator: Sandra

Called to Order at 10:00am

- 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 (Lyssa)
 - Teaching current classes going well, demon work, elements, ancestral lines.
 - Upcoming: Gods of Morningstar, not sure of start date. June.
 - Upcoming: Tony is offering a 9-month Advanced Guardians class, probably start in December.
 - Welcoming Cedar to the Pillar.
 - Gathering list of classes and other info from previous year.
 - Requests? Sandra: we need a list of the classes and who taught for the all-school chat/member meeting; need it by the end of the week.
 - Lyssa left
 - Research & Alumni Pillar (Katie)
 - have the language for cords but haven't seen anything posted for the ritual, didn't want to post about cords without announcement for the ritual. Once they know what's up, will post cords.
 - Looking at ways to support Teaching.
 - Sandra: Movement on blog posts? Katie: no. Some confusion around what goes in newsletter vs what goes in the blog.
 - Sandra: there can be cross posting. But main distinction is that the blog is public facing while the newsletter is internal only – just students and alumni.
 - Katie: have posted to forum and newsletter asking, no response

- Ealasaid: as a writer, what's worked on me is asking me, specifically, to write about something in particular. Keeping an eye on what folks are talking about on forum and elsewhere and directly asking them to write for the blog.
 - Sandra: there's a role developing for someone to curate our social media and orchestrate blog and whatnot. Blog posts from teachers for public facing classes, teachers coming to All School Chats to talk about their class, etc.
 - Temple & Tech Pillar (Usually Laura but she's not here; Ealasaid and Sandra)
 - Things are trundling along.
 - Newsletters, Call for new moon and all-school chat people.
 - Sandra: Posting calls for input is not as effective as reaching out to individuals.
 - Sandra: Ritual? E: Weren't sure who's handling it.
 - Sandra: we need a point person or small team, ideally a group like the retreat committee. One person from each pillar.
 - Louise: when?
 - Sandra: taking over the all-school chat for June (6/27/21)
 - E: do we have someone who will run point?
 - Sandra: we need the person to find the people to do the things.
 - Louise has cords, can consecrate during ritual and then mail them (which is what did at last retreat).
 - Katie: happy to help. Zoom call? Email?
 - Discussion: Zoom will be fastest to get people on the same page. Emailing to set up. Katie will email pillars for volunteers.
 - Sandra: we need a focus for the ritual, an outline of the ritual, a list of roles and who does what.
 - Retreat Committee – Nothing to report
 - IRS/Business Stuff (Sandra)
 - No updates, really. Have started looking at the bylaws.
 - Registrar (Louise)
 - Hasn't had anything happening this last month. Thanks to Sandra for the emails sent to inactive members. They were heartfelt and beautiful.
 - Sandra: if no response from Saga, will remove her. If no response from Ryan/Sarah, will keep them.
 - Treasurer (John)
 - Nothing major, he'll email us the report.
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
- Action Items
 - All:
 - Check out Spring Equinox ritual post on forum
 - Sandra and Louise: Not much there to read! Very sparse.
 - Sandra: Wishes there had been some post-ritual discussion on that post. Maybe we can ask folks to write a response to the summer solstice ritual.

- Ealasaid
 - Ping Laura with info about solstice ritual, etc. - Done
 - Ping Laura re putting up poll. - Done
 - Gather Ryan, Sarah, Saga emails and send to Sandra - Done
- Louise:
 - Draft Cords post, coordinate with R&A pillar – in progress.
- Laura (not here)
 - Will email Louise and John about registrar stuff.
 - Fee calendar (with John)
 - Figure out morningstar.org's vanishing
- Sandra
 - Email Ryan, Sarah, Saga – Done
 - Ping Kevin (and get his login info from Laura). - Done. Hasn't heard back, will circle back to make sure the email address is working for him.
 - Write brief intro post for Kevin to coincide with sending him the login. Will do when he replies.
 - Talk with John re Temple Maintainers – Done, he said there's a wiki page.
 - Ping Tony about Guardian/elemental work – not yet, but he's moving forward
 - Bylaws amendments.
 - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance.
- New Business
 - Special meeting coming up – the one immediately after Summer Solstice. Looking at what we've accomplished. Call in July
 - Should we let the Treasurer just send reports by email? General consensus, yes. If we need him we'll let him know.
- Action Items
 - Katie:
 - Email pillars for ritual planning volunteer.
 - Louise:
 - Post Cords post once ritual is squared away
 - Laura:
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 - Sandra:
 - Write brief intro post for Kevin to coincide with sending him the login.
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 - Agenda for Annual Meeting
- Confirm next month's call – 6/12/21 10am.

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Adjourned at: 11:30am