

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

October 2021 Meeting

Minutes

10/9/21

Present: Katie, Laura, Louise, Ealasaid, Breven (for pillar)

Facilitator: Laura

Called to Order at 10:05am

- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
- Brief checkin
- Approve minutes from previous meeting
 - Approved pending buy in from Sandra/Jenn.
- Pillar and other standing reports
 - Teaching & Curriculum Pillar (Breven)
 - Two current classes:
 - Demon work going well, ends at end of Oct.
 - Gods of Morningstar still going, 2 months to go.
 - Upcoming:
 - Guardian Class coming up, date not selected, probably December.
 - Warrior Pentacle is being pushed to Spring '22.
 - Laura: Elements ongoing but on hold while remaining student deals with some things.
 - May need to begin looking for a new cohort for new Elements next year.
 - Laura: everyone is super busy. Wants someone to look through the curriculum, she and Jenn made a bunch of changes. How the curriculum gets sorted out (modular idea has been talked about) will impact how we recruit and advertise.
 - Laura: Anything Board can do to support? Breven: will talk to pillar but can't think of anything.
 - Research & Alumni Pillar (Katie)
 - Nothing to report.

- Discussion: momentum, we're all super busy. Slow and steady is how we get things done. Collaboration is key, maybe a super-group of one person per pillar to work together?
 - Laura: let's do looking at things right now, not try to start anything until after Solstice? General assent.
 - Temple & Tech Pillar
 - Wiki: Looking at WordPress plugins. Hoping to have an idea of what to use within a month. We are working on it. Want to use fewer standalone tools in general.
 - Have dropped coordinating the New Moons, will pick that up.
 - Katie: volunteers to be Tomb maintainer
 - Laura: need to get Temple maintainers to meet again.
 - Retreat Committee
 - Haven't met, January unconference is happening, though.
 - IRS/Business Stuff – Sandra not here.
 - Registrar (Louise)
 - No updates
 - Treasurer – via email
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - All
 - Look at Louise's email re Ryan and respond
 - Done. Haven't heard back.
 - Look at Sandra's email re newsletter and respond
 - Look at the mission statement closely
 - Laura
 - Fee calendar (with John) – done
 - Draft email about mentoring problem to the pillars - done
 - Katie
 - Dates for election leading into March all-school chat – done, we need to look at it.
 - Sandra
 - Write brief intro post for Kevin to coincide with sending him the login (waiting to hear back from him)
 - Bylaws amendments
 - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance
- New Business
 - Katie's dates list. SO GOOD! We'll use it as a template going forward!
 - Need to ask Jenn and Sandra to review once it's up.
 - Need to send it to T&T Pillar
 - Morningstar Mission Statement
 - Whiteboard: wrote down the things we think of as Morningstar, underlined the things that feel core.

- To do: look over the mission statement and the whiteboard graphic and draft/edit our own mission statements. Then we can look at commonalities and diffs.
 - We want the school to look it over, but board should provide framework. "This was our process, here are your suggestions, please provide feedback"
 - Maybe during next school chat? Yes! Laura won't be there, someone would have to lead the chat. Then we could be doing this work in parallel. Get everybody's input on whiteboard, bring back to board at Nov meeting.
 - Ealasaid will lead!
 - By email: we need to get Jenn and Sandra to sign off.
- Action Items
 - Ealasaid
 - Email re minutes from September
 - Email re whiteboard and all-school chat
 - Laura:
 - Send pillars email
 - Copy Katie's dates into Google Drive & ask Jenn and Sandra to review
 - Sandra
 - Write brief intro post for Kevin to coincide with sending him the login (waiting to hear back from him)
 - Bylaws amendments
 - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance
- New Business
- Confirm next month's call – Nov 13 10am
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.