

# Morningstar Mystery School Board of Directors December 2021 Meeting Minutes

12/11/21

Present: Jenn, Katie, Laura, Louise, Sandra, Ealasaid

Facilitator: Louise

Called to Order at 10:05am Pacific

- 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)
    - Setting up Tony's Guardians class for January, intro call 1/15 and then calls first Saturdays. Should have blurb posted in the next week.
    - Self-Possession with Katie in a bit, taking a break.
    - Sandra: there've been several new classes lately, were these classes one offs? Or repeating?
      - Lyssa: new offerings aren't planned for repeating unless the teachers want to do that.
      - Sandra: real q: is this an expansion of our curric? Or just feeling things out?
      - Lyssa: no, just kind of feeling things out
    - Sandra: Plan for next Elements class?
      - Lyssa: no concrete plan right now.
  - Temple & Tech Pillar (Laura)
    - Quick ask for people before Lyssa goes: meet tomorrow? 1pm Pacific?
    - Haven't met, are meeting tomorrow.
    - We have a lot on our plate.
    - Lyssa: will have newsletter draft out shortly.
  - Research & Alumni Pillar (Katie)
    - Haven't met
    - Sandra: Posts/emails? Jenn: Haven't happened, added to To-Dos.

- Sandra: while we're looking at mission statements and curriculum and everything, what about cords? Is the structure we inherited from Thorn still appropriate? Something to think about.
        - Laura: yeah, if we shift the vision of the school, it'll ripple down to things like the cords. Everything is connected.
        - We need to coordinate with the teaching pillar, cords are a joint thing with T&C, R&A, Board.
- Retreat Committee (Laura)
  - Cedar did a post to gauge people's interest in a retreat. Should have a summary of that next month.
- IRS/Business Stuff (Sandra)
  - Annual year concluded on Samhain. Will need to fill out annual report and taxes, neither due til March but have started on it. John's working on the financial report.
  - Need to list all directors in annual report
  - Everyone email her full name and current mailing address
- Registrar (Louise)
  - No updates this month.
- Treasurer – via email
  - Hasn't sent anything.
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
  - Ealasaid:
    - Forum post about whiteboard discussion, include images – not yet
    - Add info about Solstice board meeting to December agenda - done
  - Laura:
    - Send pillars email – not yet, tracking down.
    - Copy Katie's dates into Google Drive & ask Jenn and Sandra to review – yes, but need to troubleshoot access to Google Drive.
    - Email re: Dec Solstice event – not happening.
      - Sandra: maybe meditation during all-school chat?
  - Sandra
    - Write brief intro post for Kevin to coincide with sending him the login (waiting to hear back from him) - We can remove this item, he hasn't responded at all.
    - Bylaws amendments – Not yet
    - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance – Not yet.
  - Katie:
    - Post about election schedule – done!
- New Business
  - NEXT MONTH IS A SPECIAL MEETING: Long-Term Planning Meeting immediately after Winter Solstice. What do we want to do over the next couple of years?'

- Louise: last year for this, we did a tarot spread, shall we do that again? General assent.
  - Laura: maybe a planes reading for the school? Yes.
  - Jenn: Warrior Pentacle can be really helpful for organizational readings.
  - Laura: what if we all do whatever reading feels right and then bring the gleanings to the meeting? General assent.
  - Sandra: let's also review the July minutes, what did our look back bring us?
  - Ealasaid: will send them out
- Sandra: discussion about upcoming cons like Between the Worlds, Gathering Paths. Teaching pillar doesn't have stuff ready for a flier, how much of a presence are we ready to have at these events, assuming they happen?
  - Laura: let's update our site with a new, clearer statement about what we are for people to check us out. We've talked about it but don't have a timeline?
  - Between the worlds is at the end of January
  - Sandra: what are the chances we can get things like the mission statement done in time?
  - Laura: there are a lot of steps to do it right, so that's going to take several months.
  - Sandra: so for early 2022 maybe let's stay under the radar and try to emerge again in the spring? General assent.
  - Louise: astrologically, the US's Pluto Return is exact in February, this is a good time to be working on this stuff.
  - Sandra: feels like we're shifting but the shift isn't complete. Bit of a hiccup this Fall for a lot of us, speed bump. Maybe that's good and we needed to slow down.
- Action Items
  - All:
    - Email Sandra full legal name and current mailing address for annual report
    - Reading for the school before January meeting
  - Ealasaid:
    - Ping John for financial statements
    - Forum post about whiteboard discussion, include images
    - Send July minutes around for review
  - Jenn:
    - Posts/emails for Research and Alumni
  - Laura:
    - Summarize interest in the retreat post
    - Send pillars email
  - Sandra:
    - Bylaws amendments
    - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance

- Confirm next month's call – feels early because the first day of the month is a Saturday.  
1/8/2022 10am Pacific
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.

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