

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

April Meeting

Minutes

April 9, 2022

Present: Jenn, Laura, Louise, Sandra, Ealasaid, Lyssa (for Teaching)

Facilitator: Jenn

Called to Order at 10:04am

- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
- Brief checkin
- Approve minutes from previous meeting
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - Sandra
 - Prepare agenda for annual meeting, send draft to board to get approved - done
 - Get schedule for election together – not yet
 - Prepare annual report for Oregon – done and filed!
 - Follow up w/Treasurer on annual filings - done
 - Bylaws amendments – not yet
 - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance – not yet
 - Ealasaid
 - Send wiki info on joining the school to Teaching pillar - done
 - Katie
 - Post a call for board volunteers - done
 - Laura
 - Circle back with temple maintainers, add Katie to list – not yet
- Pillar and other standing reports
 - Teaching & Curriculum Pillar - Lyssa
 - sent info on next steps to the new student! Will get a little notification to send a letter of intent. When that's in, Teaching reads it and the board reads it and approves, then they're an official student.
 - Iron Pentacle class – Laura and I just need to let them know when to start.
 - Laura – we should figure out an orientation checklist for Teaching and for Temple & Tech.

- Would be good to give the new person a tour/writeup of a tour. Might be a good place for teaching and T&T to put something together
 - Can include as part of Iron Pentacle, even, since that's the first class upon joining.
 - Lyssa will start a list.
- Research & Alumni Pillar – haven't met
- Temple & Tech Pillar – Laura
 - Prepped next newsletter
 - Wiki/Knowledge base in progress
 - Talked about staying in scope, we all tend to want to help with everything, so looking at what is directly our responsibility.
 - No big changes.
- Retreat Committee – haven't met
- IRS/Business Stuff – Sandra
 - nothing to report, really. All annual filing are done. May need to do some filings when we amend the bylaws but will figure that out then.
- Registrar – Louise
 - Nothing to report. Once Alex is on board will have things to do.
 - Laura – will add that stuff to the list she's doing with Lyssa
- Treasurer – via email – nothing rec'd
 - John has a lot going on.
 - Sandra - everything is on track, not much to report generally.
- New Business
 - Laura When we get Alex's letter should think about how we as a school want to be intentional and welcoming. Not something to figure out right now but want to mark it as something that needs doing.
 - Jenn – yes, since the school is run by committee, wants to make sure no balls get dropped.
 - Sandra – pandemic is clearly not over but it does appear to be winding down. Wondering about people's thoughts about in person stuff. Ambivalent but warming to the idea. Do we want to think about what it might look like?
 - Laura: asking people what they need for health considerations, would be good to ask the whole school. Cost will be impacted. This is something we as a school need to figure out, what are our values there.
 - Sandra – would like to get needs info beyond Covid. Like, Nancy has requirements for location. Sandra would like individual spaces. What are people's requirements around mobility? How long can people be away. Two day very diff from four day, for example. Does it make sense to put a survey together and send it out? Just to get feedback.
 - Louise – Nancy's husband's health has gone down, she may not want to be away from him.

- Laura – we're going to have people voting on the board soon, don't want to have people get overloaded. Let's start putting things together in a Google doc, think about what to ask. Then once the voting is done we can do a survey.
- Jenn: no matter what we do, would be smart to have a hybrid event so people can join virtually.
- Sandra: hybrid would be helpful
- Laura: starting the doc.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GEIsvOaL69FKfag37UimJZjJ9iOtoEdIpy9UQlqkZ-U/edit?usp=sharing>
- Sandra: maybe aim for sending the survey out June/July. Give people some space between surveys.
- Laura: gives us more time around it, good idea.
- Sandra: Covid probably isn't going away for a while, we're going to get more waves. We might want to think about doing it regionally so we don't have to get on a plane. Could have a spot on the East coast and one on the West coast so most people can drive. Good broadband would let us join together virtually.
- Sandra: Also: the school has funds and can help offset the costs.
- Sandra – should we frame board election as a board approval? General assent.
- Action Items
 - All
 - Think about retreat stuff and add things to the doc
 - Participate in board approval
 - Sandra
 - Get schedule for board approval together
 - Bylaws amendments
 - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance
 - Laura
 - Circle back with temple maintainers, add Katie to list – not yet
- Confirm next month's call – May 14, 2022 10am Pacific
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.