

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

December 2022

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2022

Present: Laura, Louise, Sandra, Ealasaid

Facilitator: Jenn – sick, Laura stepped in.

Called to Order at 10:02am

- 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 (Breven)
 - Lyssa worked w/T&T to automate sending out teaching evaluations, not sure where that's actually at, will check with her.
 - Self-Possession is planned for January, will send a call for students on the forum tomorrow, Breven to teach.
 - Two classes from Laura TBD, still coming together.
 - Research & Alumni Pillar (Jenn/Louise)
 - Haven't met, no news.
 - Temple & Tech Pillar (Laura/Sandra/Ealasaid)
 - Laura: met, talked about messaging about the site, discussed upcoming classes and the moon/chat schedule. Tony has started a three-call all-school chat arc looking at death.
 - Next all-school chat is 12/25, the following weekend is new years, so maybe we should just push everything out?
 - Sandra: skipping makes sense, it's a difficult time of year to schedule things that aren't holiday-related.
 - Louise: Agree, will be driving up to Sacramento.
 - Ealasaid: agrees
 - OK Decided.
 - Laura to ping Tony and post about skipping the December all-school chat.
 - Retreat Committee (Laura)

- No update, but Ealasaid finished the survey, got everything approved. Do we want to put the survey out now or wait? If now, it'll go out in the newsletter.
 - Sandra: How long to keep open?
 - Laura: we could post now, then remind people on the other side of New Years
 - Sandra: Gotta give people a ton of time.
 - Larua: Middle of January?
 - Lousuie: if we go too long it'll fall off everybody's radar
 - Sandra: if we go long, will need to put out reminders.
 - Laura: closing it the week after the January all-school chat will let us remind people then on top of forum reminders.
- IRS/Business Stuff (Sandra)
 - Tax stuff due in March, bylaws still in progress. Issues accessing the bylaws, Laura to help with that.
- Registrar (Louise)
 - No updates
- Treasurer – via email (John)
 - No update
 - Laura: help needed around new year and new classes?
 - Louise: updated the dues page to show who's teaching
 - Laura: Anything around ending the year? Setting up for 2023.
 - Louise: will ping John.
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - Ealasaid
 - Ping Lyssa re: class surveys - done
 - Ping Laura re: external newsletter - done
 - Copyedit retreat survey (and ping Laura when done) - done
 - Sandra
 - Set up a DocuSign for bylaws in the next week – not yet.
 - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance – not yet
 - Cheat sheet of what we can/can't do with school money – not yet
- New Business
 - External newsletter
 - Laura: So last time we did an external class, it was tiny but the students were really excited. They wanted a newsletter or something to know about new classes. So, discussion around doing one with the tiniest effort. Ealasaid looked into forwarding blog posts, looked like it'd take money and effort. Suggesting a google newsletter (or similar) for external students, can include in the exiting student survey/evals. Would be collab between Temple & Tech and Teaching & Curriculum to figure out what justifies sending a newsletter out.
 - General agreement that a newsletter is appropriate.
 - Newsletter? Announcements?

- Focused on external classes, it's a way for external students who are interested to stay in the loop.
 - Laura: might make sense to have Research & Alumni pillar involved since they do blog posts.
 - Louise to talk w/Jenn about the idea, will email.
 - Laura: will be easy to throw together by Solstice, then launch around new year?
 - General assent.
 - Louise: how about alumni?
 - Laura: we can email them with the info so they can add themselves.
- Next meeting is the special winter solstice call!
 - Who to facilitate? Also what do we want to do magically?
 - Sandra: the tarot pull last time was really helpful, got us looking at things we might not have otherwise. Maybe guided meditation to connect with Lux, school egregore, web of the school?
 - General agreement that sounds good
 - Sandra to draft agenda
- Action Items
 - Everyone
 - Review notes from July to prep for next meeting being the special winter solstice call
 - There will be a tarot pull or something, be ready :)
 - Laura
 - Ping Tony and post about skipping the December all-school chat.
 - Sandra
 - Sandra to draft agenda for Winter Solstice call
 - Set up a DocuSign for bylaws in the next week
 - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance
 - Cheat sheet of what we can/can't do with school money
- Confirm next month's call – 01/14/2023 10am – is the special meeting!
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.