

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

February 2023 Meeting

Minutes

Present: Jenn, Laura, Louise, Sandra, Ealasaid

Facilitator: Louise

Called to Order at: 10:07am

- 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 (nobody available, update by email from Breven)
 - On-going class :
 - Self Possession: We're one month into Self-Possession. We had some delay because of all the technical stuff and some communication errors on my part. Thanks to Laura and Ealasaid for their help and their advice. Month 2 will begin on the 15th of February.
 - Future projects:
 - The last teachers of Elements expressed that they have notes and ideas about Elements. An invitation to one of the Teaching Pillar meetings will be proposed, but we still have to set a date.
 - The first draft of a template for new classes is being written right now. It will be sent to people who want to propose teaching a class, with items like "teaching objectives", "time/date", "technical support needed", and so on.
 - Research & Alumni Pillar (Louise/Jenn)
 - Haven't met.
 - Temple & Tech Pillar (Laura/Sandra/Ealasaid)
 - Discussed timing for spring newsletter
 - Discussed how we can support next all-school chat
 - Retreat Committee (Laura)
 - Haven't looked at survey responses yet, were going to see what people's interests are. Not sure if we sent a reminder. That needs doing.

- IRS/Business Stuff (Sandra)
 - In touch with Treasurer, he is aware of the March deadlines for taxes and is working on it. Still pending.
 - Bylaws – Jenn still needs to sign
- Registrar (Louise)
 - No updates
- Treasurer – via email
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - Ealasaid
 - Send notes around – sort of? Sent with today's agenda
 - Jenn
 - Will make post
 - Sandra
 - Send bylaws to DOJ – waiting on signatures
 - Check bylaws for rules around the election – there is indeed not a set time for the annual meeting other than it's to happen once a year.\
 - 30 days prior, call for volunteers
 - accept nominations through week after annual meeting
 - 30 days for voting
 - For a resignation that takes us below the minimum, can be an interim board for a bit – say, six months? Just need to make sure we get someone to get us above the minimum, or triggers a whole thing that's kind of a crisis. Or we amend bylaws.
 - 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
 - Everyone
 - Consider how we could explore a container for fear/daring as a school. Maybe talk via email or next meeting.
 - Laura: has ideas but thinking about conversation last month, about encouraging and having opp for broader conversation, first thing to do is probably to do a post on the forum so folks can share thoughts. Like, we want to explore this as a school. Important to look at it as a whole school not just us board folks.
 - Jenn: agrees.
 - Nods in general.
 - Laura: can also have this as the next arc for all-school chats. Just need to have someone take notes. Good to have two modalities for folks to respond (text vs verbal)
 - Ealasaid: sounds good, I like the two ways to respond
 - Jenn: we have our last death/dying all-school chat this month, so the fear/daring would be March.

- Ealasaid: we need someone to take point, lead discussion
- Laura: maybe just for first chat, then we can see if someone else wants to take point.
- Who hasn't led?
 - ★ Louise (has a lot going on)
 - ★ Ealasaid doesn't feel comfortable facilitating in general, extra for a difficult convo like this one. Prefers note-taking
 - ★ Sandra: boundary-pushing vs boundary-crossing
 - ★ Laura: gravitates to facilitating but wants to give others the chance
 - ★ Sandra: open to facilitating but limited capacity right now. Could make a push for first meeting to be there but can't guarantee the other meetings in the arc
 - ★ Jenn: Likes idea of looking at people who haven't facilitated and giving them a chance. Open to doing the facilitating. Also willing to step back and do note-taking, something that's more of a growing edge.
 - ★ Sandra: could also include in the post, does anyone want to step up?
 - ★ Jenn: will make post after this meeting and take ownership of keeping up with the post
- New Business
 - Jenn and Laura will be at Sacred Space, anything we want to do for the school there? No nametags, so no tag ribbons. Maybe the URL? It's in April (4/6/23-4/9/23) so we have a little time
 - E: wish we had like a tri-fold pamphlet or something
 - General discussion. Business cards?
 - Laura: would be good to update the language on our website
 - E: then that language could go in the pamphlet!
 - Laura: will put language from the site into a doc and we can edit it.
- Action Items
 - Jenn
 - Post about fear/daring arc, take point to get that sorted
 - Laura
 - Language from website into doc for us to edit
 - Sandra
 - Send bylaws to DOJ
 - 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 – Saturday March 11, 2023 at 10am Pacific
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.

Adjourned at 10:53am