

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

July 2023 Meeting

Minutes

7/8/23

Present: Jenn, Sandra, Ealasaid

Facilitator: Jenn (covering for Laura)

Called to Order at 10:01 am

- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
- Brief checkin
- Approve minutes from previous meeting - yup
- Pillar and other standing reports
 - Teaching & Curriculum Pillar (Breven)
 - Elements! Tony and Laura will be teaching the next round, to stand in September for the equinox. Working on marketing and will have an official announcement soon
 - Self-possession wraps this month.
 - Questions came up during the course
 - ★ Influence of culture differences in how people respond to the lessons
 - ★ Feedback about aspects of the curriculum – “what about the body?”
Something to have in mind for future self-poss classes
 - Research & Alumni Pillar (Jenn)
 - Jenn is researching scholarship issue. No real definitive answers but it looks like we can do it. Talking with Maryland-specific people, needs to see how it applies
 - Temple & Tech Pillar (Ealasaid)
 - Pretty quiet
 - Social media person – under New Business below.
 - Sandra: this comes up like every other year and we say “yeah! We should do that!” but nothing comes of it. Sandra is the contact for the official Facebook page but isn’t really on Facebook.
 - E: would volunteer but too much on plate already
 - Jenn: it’d be good if someone not on the Board could do it

- Sandra: yeah, we have a small group of people doing everything, need someone else bc the rest of us are busy.
 - Retreat Committee (nobody here)
 - IRS/Business Stuff (Sandra)
 - We're chugging along. Annual fees are due next month, will coordinate with John to get those paid
 - Pretty much on rails for annual things.
 - Registrar
 - No news, Jenn will check with her and can take over if necessary
 - Treasurer – via email – he has Covid
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - Ealasaid
 - Check with Teaching Pillar on classes that have wrapped since last June, classes coming up
 - Kind of? Remembered the pillars are supposed to do little presentations.
 - Jenn
 - Scholarship research – in progress
 - Sandra
 - Post Agenda for All School Meeting
 - Didn't post. Needs to do post about how it all went and also email all the active members about it
 - Putting accounting stuff together for The D&O Insurance – no progress
- New Business
 - Social media person/committee
 - E: Call has been put out, nobody steps up
 - Elections/Annual meeting
 - Nobody has volunteered. It was in the post but maybe needs to make it super clear
 - Jenn: we have a small crew of people who step up, it's often the same people because nobody else is stepping up.
 - Sandra: we're all staying on the board
 - Jenn: we need some flow, magically and practically we need
 - Sandra: we need new energy on the board
 - Jenn: Sandra is amazing but we need someone else who can also know bylaws, handle tax stuff.
 - [Discussion around engagement]
 - We're a peer-led mystery school, nobody else is doing this! It's a huge strength but it also makes things harder. We don't have a leader to point at people and make assignments.

- Sandra: Annual meeting timing this year is bad, people are always busy in the summer. But if we can have it asap we can do it in spring next year. What makes us unique is that we're peer led!
 - Classes - Elements is coming
 - Sandra: According to bylaws we get one redo but if that doesn't come together we're supposed to discuss closing the school. Hopefully it won't come to that but we do need to tell people where things stand. Ealasaid's idea to reach out to individuals is kinder than threats. :)
 - Social Media
 - E wants to step up but is super busy.
 - Sandra: can you take something off your plate?
 - E will check. Discussion around doing social media in a healthy way
 - Discussion around blog being stale, should we clear it out if nobody's posting? Hesitance around drawing the attention of the greater pagan online community. But if someone visits our site and check the blog it's good to have it be up to date
- Action Items
 - Ealasaid
 - Look at plate, can hand something off to be soc media?
 - Jenn
 - Check on someone to present at annual meeting
 - Continue research re: scholarships
 - Check in with Louise about registrar work
 - Sandra
 - Annual meeting post and email
 - Looking at D&O Insurance
- Confirm next month's call – August 12, 2023 10am Pacific
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.

Adjourned at 11:00am