

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

May 2024 Meeting

Minutes

5/11/24

Present: Jenn, Laura, Sandra, Ealasaid

Facilitator: Jenn

Called to Order at 10:05am

- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer, inviting Lux
- Brief checkin
- Approve minutes from previous meeting
- Pillar and other standing reports
 - Teaching & Curriculum Pillar
 - Breven didn't give me the liaison for today
 - Elements moved their monthly call
 - Research & Alumni Pillar (Jenn)
 - Not much, hasn't emailed Sarah. Doesn't have a good email for her?
 - Laura: should be an email address in the registrar's records
 - Temple & Tech Pillar (Ealasaid)
 - Misc stuff, newsletter, etc.
 - Retreat Committee (Jenn)
 - Five people registered so far, two more expected
 - Got enough to make it happen!
 - IRS/Business Stuff (Sandra)
 - Insurance agent has gone silent, trying to reach her.
 - Sending bylaws in – not yet. Not worried about it, but needs doing.
 - Thinks August is the deadline, not sure
 - Registrar (Jenn)
 - No news
 - Treasurer – via email
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - Ealasaid

- Add Temple maintainers and other offices review to next month Board agenda - done
 - Sandra
 - Follow up with John re: sending bylaws in – not yet. Not worried about it, but needs doing.
 - Get reply email from teaching pillar – not yet.
 - Set up D&O – see Business update
 - Jenn
 - Check that registrar list has updated payment info – not yet
- New Business
 - Board Election
 - E built it, so far 5 responses
 - Can remind people at the all-school chat
 - Can add Doneby when the vote is approved, probably next month!
 - Temple maintainers and other offices review
 - Mentioned Temple maintainers in the Annual Meeting, and how we don't even know who all of them are. Need to gather that info!
 - There's a forum for Temple Maintainers but it's not being used
 - E and Laura digging up records
 - Ari, Ken, Louise, Ryan, Laura, Ealasaid
 - Discussion, do we still need the maintainers?
 - Sandra: needed the maintainers a bunch early on, finding cracks in Merkabah and things in the beginning but that hasn't happened since Thorn stepped away
 - Laura: there are tasks that need doing, usually does a sweep of the temple to clean whenever she visits. Do we need standing maintainers or could we have someone sign up every month the way they do the opening?
 - Sandra: at the all school chat, desire was expressed to do more group trips to the temple and go over the protocol, so we're all more actively using the lore on a regular basis. Could at a chat in the next few months, do a trip to the temple and discuss the issue. Look at the Merkabah together, look at the Temple together, discuss what we see, how do we maintain it? Do we need to assign people to the Merkabah, temple, tomb or have people sign up.
 - Ealasaid is torn – was designated as a maintainer, feels important, but also not great about doing it every month
 - Sandra: what if we had terms? Like a rotating priesthood? Every x months.
 - Laura: but also has the same challenge of the same people always stepping forward to do it
 - Sandra: 10 years ago if you dangled "you could be the priest" in front of people you could get nibbles you wouldn't get otherwise but not sure if that's still the case. We're more mature and not as interested in having a title

- Laura: E said getting tasked with it felt important, what about it? Being assigned? Doing the task? Etc?
- Discussion.
- Laura: maybe when people step up for something, we have a little investiture ceremony/ritual where we collectively tell people "here's your title, here are your tasks" maybe that could help with the significance? Could do this for more than just the temple even
- Sandra: we've had an attrition not of members but of energy. Thinks in part there's been a lack of focus. People are focused on classes if they're in one but people not in classes are sort of drifting away. This could tell people "this is important work, there are leadership roles to be had here" part of the challenge is that people don't necessarily want to be in a big role permanently. If we could do it as for a time rather than indefinite
- Laura: Jenn, what would be good around this, you've done temple opening
- Jenn: likes idea of whoever's opening the temple do the spiritual hygiene as well while you're there, but we could talk about it. Opened the temple on Zoom, went with Doneby, would love to do that more, to do it on Zoom and anybody can show up if they want. Putting it on the schedule makes it definitely happen, you know? Likes to take a three month chunk, doing priestessing for the school, really likes that. Also we should talk about it in, these are fun magical skills to develop, we have this great resource that's been there for ages now, you can do cool work there that accelerates what you're doing in the usual plane. Why wouldn't you take advantage of this great resource? From a magical point of view, why *wouldn't* we want to do this (go to temple)?
- Laura: to more broadly bring people in, maybe doing a playful experiment type of thing, that went well. Maybe we could journey to the temple and then have the conversation in the temple?
- Sandra: yeah, Jenn's right, we have this resource! We've finished the curriculum, now we get to use our tools with all this knowledge!
- Discussion
- Sandra: we're social animals, it's easier to meditate in a group, etc. makes sense that it's easier to get to the temple in a group.
- Jenn: let's do it next time!
- Jenn will post to announce and call for a leader
- Action Items
 - Ealasaid
 - Get Tailwind working for Instagram
 - Sandra
 - Follow up with John re: sending bylaws in
 - Get reply email from teaching pillar

- Set up D&O
- Jenn
 - Check that registrar list has updated payment info – not yet
 - Jenn will post to announce all-school chat temple visit and call for a leader
- Confirm next month's call – June 8, 2024 10am Pacific
 - Laura might be in an alley before the Pride parade
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together, thanking Lux, and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.

Adjourned at 10:48am