

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

June 2024 Meeting

Minutes

6/8/24

Present: Jenn, Laura, Sandra, Ealasaïd, Breven

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 – approved!
- Pillar and other standing reports
 - Teaching & Curriculum Pillar (Breven)
 - Pillar isn't very active right now, may need to address
 - Maybe need new members? But there isn't a lot to do right now
 - Question around money, paying teachers? Board brought up
 - in France, you don't give money to people who aren't employees, so the idea doesn't click for him.
 - Possibilities:
 - ★ Give money to teachers by preauthorizing external teachers? Folks teaching external classes are doing a lot of work and benefiting the school. Maybe something there.
 - ★ Also question of mental health support, not sure what form it would take, money could help there? Question has come up around burnout.
 - ★ Using money as a contribution for the retreat for teachers, could help with transportation?
 - ★ Organize an event with the money? Workshop with someone external (Thorn?) in support of teachers' mental health
 - ★ Need to figure out what teachers need right now. Maybe need to ask teachers directly ? But that can be uncomfortable, like, "do you need money?"
 - ★ So that's a few ideas, would appreciate our feedback/reaction.

- ★ Sandra: All of those are really good ideas to explore. Feels like, from the board perspective, our questions are, "how much is a reasonable budget for you?" that could answer some of these questions. If it's \$500, that's more limited than a larger amount. It's probably going to be around that much. We've got a bit of extra money each year, but it's not a huge amount. Talking about creating a scholarship kind of fund where people could get sponsored to go to workshops and events that would benefit the school, that's also an option. Original question is, how much guidance/control from the board would feel good for the pillar? Is \$500 an insulting amount? Is it cool?
- ★ Breven: will talk with the Pillar about it, having a number helps.
- ★ Sandra: we're probably going to enact this in the next fiscal year. If something magnificent comes up and you want the money sooner, that can be discussed.
- ★ Breven: apologizes that pillar is slow to respond, everybody has a lot going on in our lives. Not a problem to keep poking him with the same question if they're slow to respond.
- Research & Alumni Pillar (Jenn)
 - Louise sent the cords to Jenn, can do that for the retreat.
- Temple & Tech Pillar (Laura)
 - pillar met. Successful all-school chat last month, recorded a video that might help folks with opening the temple.
 - Need more people to sign up for New Moon. Laura did it this month.
 - Things are on track for the newsletter, please do send content to Lyssa.
 - Lyssa might need help this month, which Pillar will handle.
- Retreat Committee (Jenn)
 - Rented a house successfully! It's a gorgeous house, too!
 - The people who run the house gave us a free night! Most excellent.
 - Will have a Zoom closer to the event to figure out magic stuff.
 - Want to schedule points where people who aren't there in person can join via Zoom.
 - Laura: for retreat planning, let her and Cedar know about meal planning, what would be helpful, can do via email or Zoom, no prob. Happy to help/plan/etc. Survey responses had allergies, will also check with Louise around her health needs.
 - Jenn: not sure if Louise is coming, she's not registered yet. Starr is excited to help with food.
- IRS/Business Stuff (Sandra)
 - Not much going on. Haven't gotten a clear answer about the bylaws but not concerned.

- Do have some fees coming up in August – pay registered agent and something else, but that’s automated.
 - Registrar (Jenn)
 - Hasn’t done it yet.
 - Treasurer – via email
 - Jenn: we don’t really need every month, maybe quarterly?
 - Discussion, yes.
 - Treasurer to send quarterly going forward, Sandra will tell him.
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - Ealasaid
 - Get Tailwind working for Instagram - done
 - Sandra
 - Follow up with John re: sending bylaws in – not yet
 - Get reply email from teaching pillar – got this today.
 - Set up D&O – hasn’t gotten response from agent, will check in with her.
 - Wants to get this done before retreat.
 - 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 – totally forgot but Laura covered it.
- New Business
 - Next meeting is the Summer Solstice special meeting, looking back at what we’ve accomplished, how we did, how we’re spending, etc.
 - Make election official – Ealasaid will email John
 - Jenn wants to propose a class for October, how to do that?
 - Ealasaid: Email teaching pillar, can find email address in the Knowledge Base
- Action Items
 - Ealasaid
 - Email John to certify
 - Once election is certified, email Doneby and post to forum
 - Sandra
 - Follow up with John about sending bylaws in
 - Ping D&O agent again
- Confirm next month's call – July 13, 10am Pacific
 - Laura may have conflict, will see what we can do
 - Sandra: we may want to reschedule the board meeting, also has stuff going on.
 - Will sort out over email.
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together, thanking Lux, and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.

Adjourned at 10:40 am