

Morningstar Mystery School

Board of Directors

October 2024 Meeting

Minutes

10/19/24

Present: Doneby, Ealasaïd, Jenn, Laura, Sandra

Facilitator: Laura

Called to Order at 10:05am

- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer, inviting Lux
- Brief check in
- Approve minutes from previous meeting - approved
- Pillar and other standing reports
 - Teaching & Curriculum Pillar (Breven)
 - Emailing at least once a month but mostly quiet
 - Only current class is Elements
 - Upcoming: approaching end of year, time to think about what all got done this year, what want to do next year, etc. Maybe will check with the school around that, start a thread on the forum in November. Discussed what classes are needed and what form they could take.
 - Discussing reviewing/changing aspects of curriculum, things may need updates especially around cultural appropriation. Ongoing discussion.
 - Laura: those discussions might be good all-school chats, get more engagement there vs on the forum. Have y'all thought about that?
 - Research & Alumni Pillar (Jenn)
 - Not much. Reviewing the cord system, hasn't been looked at in a while. Thinking about adding something to do with interacting with the school? Doesn't have anybody else on pillar to interact/discuss with.
 - Laura: Good discussion in the Board or as a n all-school chat
 - Reviewing things that were just handed to us by Thorn, looking at them as a school. We haven't revisited the cords in a long time
 - There are things about school engagement that could be included – would feel weird for someone to claim a cord after not engaging with the school for a long time

- Temple & Tech Pillar (Laura)
 - Cooking along. Making sure stuff is working, talked about moons, have the temple covered.
- Retreat Committee (Laura)
 - Discussion around food shopping – how to handle budget/spending
 - Ealasaid to find debit card and hit Costco, if people pay out of pocket they can save receipts and get reimbursed.
 - Board meeting would normally be on the retreat weekend
 - Sandra: would rather push a week or cancel than have a part-in-person/part-remote meeting during the retreat
 - Consensus: let's skip November. Double-check at end of this meeting.
- IRS/Business Stuff (Sandra)
 - In action items. Sent around links last night
 - Doneby: couldn't open the links. May need to be added to sharing?
 - Sandra shared screen to look over the budget
 - income may go down next year depending on external-facing classes
 - may wind up with a deficit this year if we give the teaching pillar money – with both that and putting in money for the retreat.
 - Spreadsheet includes a couple previous years as well
 - Do we want to add in a line giving teaching a budget?
 - Laura: Comfortable investing money in teaching – more energy could lead to public classes, etc.
 - General assent
 - Added that in.
 - Laura emailing Teaching about the money now. What restrictions do we want to put on the money?
 - Asking them to let us know what they propose to do with the funds so we can make sure it won't run afoul of our legal restrictions
 - PayPal fees are going up significantly this year because of the retreat
 - Discussion around handling that. We can ask people to cover the fees as part of their payments, too.
 - Insurance application doesn't really need reviewing – most of it doesn't apply to us.
 - Discussion around dealing with kids/families – that's a big discussion we don't need to have right now. Putting a pin in it for now.
- Registrar (Jenn)
 - No progress here. Focus on the retreat.
- Treasurer – via email
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - Doneby
 - Follow up around Knowledge Base info re: roles and responsibilities

- Biggest thing that jumped out is: do we have a conflict resolution board?
 - ★ No, and our main volunteers are kind of tapped out
 - ★ Rather than a standing thing we could have folks sort of on deck?
 - ★ We had a few people who were going to come up with something but it kind of fizzled, folks may need more structure.
 - ★ Laura: would like us to have something more formal to turn to when we need it.
 - ★ Need someone to find who was on the conflict resolution committee and follow up with them. Starr, Cedar, and ??? Ask them to draft what it might look like
 - ★ Doneby: been involved with something similar at church, would have to check, might be able to snag their stuff and use it as a foundation
 - ★ We should have a committees roster or something. Something to figure out.
- Ealasaid
 - Make sure Doneby is in the Google Group and part of the email addy for the board - done
 - Knowledge base is linking to the wrong bylaws - need to link to the Organizational Resolutions (Amended Bylaws) in Google Drive – not yet
- Jenn
 - Meet w/John and determine who has paid/not paid due
 - Follow up with John re: unclear money in/out
- Laura
 - Blurb for newsletter - handled
 - Mariah is still paying for class - handled
- Sandra
 - D&O Agent Stuff - yep
 - Draft budget at October meeting – done!
- New Business
 - Ealasaid: got a claim form, send it in? We accepted payments, shall I fill this out? Yes.
 - Is there a newsletter coming up? (they go out on Equinoxes and Solstices) If so, let's send them an update.
 - One just went out.
 - Anything else?
 - Laura: we have several topics that need conversations, but we aren't tracking them, shall we make a schedule or something?
 - General assent that it's a good idea
 - Laura to make a list
- Action Items
 - All
 - Doneby

- Check whether we can base our conflict resolution prep on church's scaffolding
- Ealasaid
 - Find and activate debit card for retreat
 - Knowledge base is linking to the wrong bylaws - need to link to the Organizational Resolutions (Amended Bylaws) in Google Drive – not yet
 - Fill out and send in claim form
- Jenn
 - Meet w/John and determine who has paid/not paid dues
 - Follow up with John re: unclear money in/out
- Laura
 - Make a list of topics we need to go over
- Sandra
 - Research what we need to do around teaching kids
- Confirm next month's call – skipping November. Will handle anything by email
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together, thanking Lux, and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.

Adjourned at 11:34am