

Morningstar Mystery School Board of Directors August 2025 Meeting Minutes

8/9/25

Present: Cedar, Ealasaid, Jenn, John, Laura, Sandra

Facilitator: Laura

Called to Order at 10:01am

- 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
- Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - Everybody
 - Review Tony's response and discuss our response to it via email (discuss below) – this didn't happen.
 - Review the mission statement doc (discuss below)
 - Ealasaid
 - Send adjusted minutes around (12/2024 minutes) - Yes
 - Update the board template to reflect new October/December meeting things (prep for annual special meeting, annual special meeting) - Yes
 - Meet up with Laura to discuss standard voting procedure for board election – not yet
 - Move mission statement stuff to next meeting - Yes
 - July 3rd review election results and share with board - Yes
 - Laura
 - Teacher resources list for KB – Ping Teaching pillar – Not yet
 - Go through Conflict Resolution document and apply all current comments - yes
 - Let the board know when the doc is ready to rock and we should go through it again - yes
 - Update board email list to make sure it's in accordance with the election results - yes
 - Sandra
 - Post/email with board election results when they're in - yes

- Old Business
 - Mission Statement rewrite
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rkuxnlySJKqfIE2BVT4hl8AuK0aAdFpx4IFZ56YNjyg/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Discussion
 - Cedar: "true will" is problematic and could mean a bunch of different things, what are we trying to say with it
 - Jenn: issues around it as well
 - Alignment
 - more discussion
 - We got a version to present to the school!
 - The mission of Morningstar mystery School is to explore and align all the parts of our being through self possession and relationship with other humans, the Gods, and our beloved earth. We study and teach magical practices to spark, increase, and sustain our passion and power as we delve ever deeper into mystery. We remember. We practice. We serve.
 - Laura will post to the forum and the signal group
- New Business
 - Retreat report
 - Not feasible to do a retreat this year, suggesting a retreat fall of next year and encouraging folks to go to Sacred Space in February.
 - Sandra: do we want to sponsor a Morningstar presence at Sacred Space? Make sure Tony has a spot if he wants to go, we could subsidize it. Thinking of suites at Pantheacon. Mstar could have a suite at events.
 - We'd need someone to look into it
 - Jenn: Sacred Space often has a table of books by presenters and things. Tony already is planning to go and to teach
 - Laura: They also have a flier table, we could do a zine to promote the school
 - Discussion
 - Newsletter goes out in September, let's give them an update
 - John: do we want treasurer info at board meetings?
 - Used to do via email
 - Sandra: maybe if something unusual/of note happens?
 - General assent
 - Also what do we do with people who don't cash checks?
 - Laura: you mean Laura? It's been long enough might not be able to cash now, let's make it a donation to the school.
 - Jenn: would like to talk about sliding scale dues, maybe next meeting.
 - Tony's email
 - Laura: Might be good to link to the book when we are posting about Tony's upcoming workshops

- Sandra: if we have a room for the school we could do a book signing or a meet and greet with Tony?
- Laura: Llewellyn might be there and have things planned already
- Sandra: of course, we'd have to talk with him
- Discussion
- Jenn: they don't have suites at Sacred Space the way Pantheacon did. Different vibe.
- Cedar: there are events coming up in the southwest that we could have a presence at if we had materials for it. Dragonfest, Pagan Pride, etc.
- Sandra: we could get everybody together and do a brain dump of every event we can think of that we could have a presence at or Tony could have a presence at.
- Cedar to start a document to do this braindump
- Action Items
 - Everybody
 - Look at bylaws around dues
 - Look at Cedar's doc
 - Look over the conflict resolution document and comment
 - Cedar
 - Event braindump document, send around
 - Ealasaid
 - Meet up with Laura to discuss standard voting procedure for board election
 - Add conflict resolution doc to October agenda
 - Add sliding scale dues discussion to October agenda
 - Update books page on site to include Tony's books
 - John
 - Catch up on Treasurer reports and email
 - Laura
 - Post new mission statement draft to forum and Signal
- Confirm next month's call – 10/11/25 10am
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together, thanking Lux, and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.

Adjourned at 11:29am