

Morningstar Mystery School Board of Directors October 2025 Meeting Minutes

10/11/25

Present: Doneby, Ealasaid, Jenn, John, Laura, Sandra (Cedar is traveling)

Facilitator: Sandra

Called to Order at 10:05 am

- 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
 - Look at bylaws around dues – nobody did this, will move later
 - Look at Cedar’s doc – he didn’t send it around
 - 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 – not yet
 - Add conflict resolution doc to October agenda - did
 - Add sliding scale dues discussion to October agenda – discuss later
 - Update books page on site to include Tony’s books - did
 - John
 - Catch up on Treasurer reports and email – made progress but ran into an oddity
 - looks like the registered agent paid a fee for us but charged us \$100 for it, Sandra will work w/John to figure that out.
 - Laura
 - (Re)post new mission statement draft to forum and Signal
- SPECIAL MEETING: Prep for Big Picture Planning Meeting in December

- Invite people? Bring up at the November All-School Chat? (assign someone to do this) or maybe survey for school – what are people proud of the school doing, what went well, what didn't go well.
 - Laura: we could do all three – invite people at the chat, also put the survey around for folks who can't make it, plus also ask the pillars to come
 - E: concern around how much people would participate and how slow that can get when there are a lot of people
 - Sandra: can see benefit of a brainstorming session w/the school but also it'd be easy to derail
 - Doneby: people who are really active will probably have more to say
 - Laura: we'd need really good facilitation
 - Jenn: maybe we could do breakouts into small groups that talk and come back with ideas
 - Sandra: could do a stickyboard or word-board?
 - Discussion around Zoom's meeting tools
 - Sandra: some folks will likely be on phones we want to be sure they can participate as well.
 - Sandra: What do we want the meeting to look like? Sees this as an opportunity for the membership to join creatively. Plus the school is small, we could have the whole membership on a call talking
 - Laura: Likes small groups idea. We'd have to hash things out in advance so we can tell people clearly what we're going to do. Concerned about trying to sort out offline because of how often we don't do our tasks (Laura included) for this meetings
 - Doneby: could have the board members split out into the small groups
 - John: Is this meeting replacing the board meeting for the month?
 - Yes
 - John: since we are already meeting less often do we want to have this meeting at another time so the board will still meet?
 - Laura: Scheduling can be tricky
 - Sandra: we also need to be prepared for nobody showing up except us.
 - Sandra: would be good not to have too much structure, good to see where it goes
 - [discussion]
 - Keeping a focus on divination, we could do a forum post where folks could post their divination
 - some disagreement around small breakouts, but if we don't have a ton of people we won't really need them.
 - Doneby: We do need to hammer out the details
 - Sandra: We need several people:

- Project manager to make sure all the things happen and to take resp for pinging people between meetings/posts, herd the cats - Sandra
 - ★ Discussion around who has bandwidth, being careful not to overcommit
 - Someone to run Zoom tech – Laura
 - Someone to commit to facilitating the actual meeting – Jenn
 - ★ Unbinding together, discuss divination, all the usual stuff
 - ★ Last part of meeting could be looking over what we've discussed, where do we feel we can commit, what can we do with this
 - Someone to scribe for the meetings – Ealasaid
 - Sandra: we should announce this at the October all-school chat, get the post up soon – Ealasaid will do this
- Old Business
 - Deep Dive topic for this meeting: Conflict Resolution doc
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S4Eexy6lRC66bCZ56FDfCrQ4iFoIIInBa/edit?usp=sharing&oid=100928926298549394520&rtpof=true&sd=true>
 - Discussion
 - Sandra to check bylaws around removal policy
 - Ran out of time
- New Business
 - Tony's email – very quick discussion, Jenn has joined the teaching pillar, Lyssa is going to reply to Tony.
 - Look at bylaws
 - Retreat report
 - Is there a newsletter coming up? (they go out on Equinoxes and Solstices) If so, let's send them an update.
- Action Items
 - Cedar
 - Event braindump document, send around
 - Ealasaid
 - Meet up with Laura to discuss standard voting procedure for board election
 - Announcement at Oct All-School Chat re: Dec board call
 - Post to forum about Dec board call
 - John
 - Catch up on Treasurer reports and email
 - Laura
 - Post new mission statement draft to forum and Signal - did but will repost
 - Sandra
 - Check bylaws around removal policy mentioned in conflict resolution doc
 - Circulate CRB policy for final approval
 - Post CRB policy when finished
- December meeting roles

- Project Manager: Sandra
- Zoom tech during meeting: Laura
- Facilitate meeting: Jenn
- Scribe: Ealasaid
- Announce at October All-School Chat: Ealasaid
- Confirm next month's call: 12/13/25 10am Pacific
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together, thanking Lux, and reciting the Holy Mother prayer

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