



AGENDA

Big Magic, by Elizabeth Gilbert

Sunday June 7, 2026 8:30am-4pm [1.5hr lunch]

Athenian Dialogue with [Dawn Michanowicz](#), MMC, Facilitator

Summer Conference 2026 Ft. Meyers, FL

Athenian Dialogue = 3 CMC/MMC points for a total of 6 hours plus breaks

Sunday 8:30am WELCOME

- Thank our sponsor FACC Pres Pat Burke and Leslie Howington, Education Coordinator
- housekeeping: silence cell phone, breaks and lunch
- My style of a dialogue? Do you need points?
- “round robin” introductions: where you are from, family, pets...something unique

10 GROUP DISCUSSION [video](#)

Did you like this book? Why or why not?

What is “creativity?”

“Living a life as a “joyful collaboration” means what to you?

Themes: self-doubt, self-disgust, self-judgement, self-belonging (p.88-93)

10:30am BREAK

10:45-11:30 SMALL GROUP: [Post-Its] Each group will have a chapter. Discuss the chapter in context to leadership, e.g. decisions you have to make, staff you need to lead, mentoring, etc.

1. Courage
2. Enchantment
3. Permission
4. Persistence
5. Trust

11:30-12pm GROUP DISCUSSION each group shares

Lunch (1.5hrs) 12-1:30pm

1:30pm GROUP DISCUSSION continued

[TedTalk Video](#) from 2014

“Success, Failure and Drive to Keep Creating.”

What does “failure” do for you?

Where do live? (Not addiction, not depression..but where love emanates.)

2:45pm BREAK Liz Gilbert in 2025: [Video](#) as “I’m a public figure. I need to be media ready.”

3pm SMALL GROUP Discuss in your small group one of the following themes:

I am a _____ (fill in the blank) leader. Be creative and make notes about your own strengths.

GROUP DISCUSSION - What does it take to be a leader in your city/town?

3:30 GAME

What was your favorite quote?

“Living a life driven more strongly by curiosity than by fear.” (p.9)

4pm CLOSING Email your Assessment to DawnMichanowicz@gmail.com

Book suggestions...?