

Seattle Circle Dances of Universal Peace Planning Meeting 1/19/2017

Quorum Present:

John, Brian, Hayra, Farishta, Murad, krsna das, Martha, Brenda, Helen
Convener: John / Scribe: Helen / Voice for Peace: Phil

Beginning Dance: Green Grows the Tree

Interim committee report: no actions

Treasurer's report---\$2741 in bank, paid rent through January, insurance already paid through October.

Old Business

Headsets--deferred

Camp Burton finances--deferred

Burton assistant--deferred

Martha's stipend--deferred

Possible political assumptions--Concerns were expressed that too much space was given to sharing reactions after the election. Since the reactions expressed were grief and dismay, those not sharing those feelings might not have felt welcome. The leaders of the evening were surprised by the depth and intensity of feelings. Our desire is to be welcoming to people of all persuasions.

Business cards: Brian designed new ones with "Peace Dancing". We agreed to reimburse him for printing 2000 cards, Hayra contributing an additional \$10.

New Business

Outreach possibilities--Brenda presented extensive research about options for outreach, which will take some time to digest. Actually doing outreach would require not only leaders and musicians, but enough dancers to create a magnetic circle. We agreed to take the topic up next month, potentially focusing on one or two ideas.

Small attendance at Keystone Circle--A spreadsheet was presented documenting how the Circle has been shrinking slowly for many years. Over the holidays three evenings had 10 or fewer dancers. What feeds the souls of those who still come and love the dances? What keeps magnetism going when the circle is small? We shared memories of rich experiences in small circles. and discussed the inner adjustments of attitude that can shift one from disappointment to

presence. Several ideas about different formats, venues or timing were put forth. The Dance Leaders retreat is February 11, where the topic will be explored further.

Saadi event--Farishta asked if the Seattle Circle is interested in sponsoring a scholarship to Saadi's and Tasnim's retreat in April. 60-70 participants are signed up, though not as many from Seattle as she expected. Most requests for financial help are not from this community. We agreed to table until next month.

Global Peace Dance report--45 people in attendance (at the peak, around 10pm) with excellent energy. Hayra expressed gratitude and amazement that even though she wasn't there, the community made it happen.

Next meeting: Wed February 15, 3-5pm

Location: John Birnel's home.

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Closing dance: Kalama