

# Seattle Dances of Universal Peace

## Planning Meeting - 2/15/2017

**Opening Dance:** "Send us the Peace"

**PRESENT:** N'Shama, Martha (convener), John (VfP), Helen (scribe), Brian, Hayra, Brenda  
**Quorum is present.**

**Interim committee report:** none

**Announcements:** Jim Gunn is recovering well.

**Treasurer:** \$4162 in the account, Feb rent is paid. Insurance paid through October.

### **Donations to other causes:**

An additional section was added to policies:

#### **8b. Donations for other causes at Wednesday Night Dance**

(e.g. the Japanese earthquake, Syrian refugees)

- 1) Donations jars for other causes, at Wednesday Dance Meetings, are to be approved by DUPP, with more urgent matters being approved by the interim committee.
- 2) Once approved ahead of time, by DUPP or the interim committee, notice can be (1) sent out via DUPNW --and/or-- (2) via other email --and/or-- (3) be announced during announcement time at the Wednesday Dance Meeting.
- 3) The collection jar on the main-table (the one with dance fliers on it) is for the support of the Seattle Dance Circle or specific DUP activities
- 4) Jars for other causes should be on the side-table (the one with non-dance fliers on it)

### **Camp Burton Reports:**

#### **Financial summary:**

Martha prepared a spreadsheet of income and expenses. We made \$57.10 profit. We had 10 more people, and consequently more income, but expenses were also more due to travel for the youth leader. We gave 12 scholarships.

We discussed whether to continue seeking youth leaders, who will have travel expenses (yes) and whether to cut back on scholarships. We will start with \$580 committed to scholarships, \$300 from our usual fund plus \$280 from Sundari's auction. Additional scholarships will be given out only after we've broken even in registrations, which has been our usual practice in the past.

#### **Choosing dates:**

Three weekend dates were presented to the 2016 campers since there are several competing events next fall. **Nov 10-12** got the most votes, but Camp Burton has two other groups scheduled that weekend. We are currently penciled into Camp Burton's schedule on our usual weekend, **Nov 3-5**. Martha will contact Camp Burton staff about moving to the preferred

weekend if the retreat center and an adequate number (half?) the cabins are available. If so, she will pass it by the other members of the interim committee before changing the dates to **Nov 10-12th**. Otherwise we will confirm for our usual weekend.

**Registrar stipend:**

Martha handled virtually all the logistics and received a scholarship and an honorarium of \$150. The 2016 retreat was unusually high stress because of major staff changes at Camp Burton. We agreed to award Martha an additional \$75 honorarium in thanks for the extra time and distress last year. Next year is expected to be much smoother.

**Registrar assistant:**

Tabled until next meeting

**Evaluations:**

Evaluations have been reviewed, but presentation was tabled until next month.

**2017 Fall Retreat planning team:** John B, Martha and Murad, with Hayra as backup.

**Wilderness scholarships**

Tabled until next meeting

**Low attendance at Keystone Circle**

N'Shama prepared a presentation of systems-analysis applied to attendance. She demonstrated a causal loop diagram, describing dynamic forces that influence one another. What balancing processes exist? What reinforcing processes exist? But there's a limit to every reinforcing process, so cycles happen. When we agree on the map, we can see what we can change.

She illustrated two cycles showing relation of leadership and outreach circles and potential effects on Keystone. We listed other external factors like aging community, relevance of music, lack of appeal to youth, traffic, social media, word of mouth, political situation, competing communication/connection methodologies, overall culture shift. What is the relevance of Dances in this time? Is it the natural cycle that we die back?

N'Shama will bring back this item to March DUPP meeting and April dance team meeting.

**Outreach potential:**

Brenda presented the possibility that the interfaith movement might have potential for connections, especially with current activism about religious freedom, but with no specific proposal. It was suggested that Oneness Project might grant funds for outreach energy.

**Next meeting:** March 15 at John's home at 3pm.

**Convener:** Phil Murad (Martha backup)

**Scribe:** Helen

**Interim committee:** Martha, Phil Murad and John

**Dance:** Ram Nam Pranam (variation)