

Seattle DUP Circle Planning Meeting 3/15/2017

Present: Phil (facilitator), Brian, Elizabeth, Helen (scribe), John , Martha (vforP), N'Shama (Quorum present)

Opening dance: "Ahaba Rahba Ahhaftenu"

Announcements

Over 100 people registered for Saadi/Tasnim workshop. Saturday night will be open to public, benefit for Murshid Sam's memorial.

Interim Committee

Brenda connected with a private school World Religion class, which might come to a Wednesday dance sometime in the future. Interim Committee confirmed that no money is required of them. Students would be encouraged to dance, not just observe, and Leaders for the night would need to be notified in advance.

Treasurer's Report

\$3034.50, rent is paid. Last month's report may not have included an uncashed check.

Camp Burton report

Registrar assistant---Martha thinks it will go smoothly this year. Current conversations with Camp Burton are going well. Martha will ask us for help if she thinks it's appropriate.

Evaluations---Confirmed November 10-12 weekend, which was first choice on evals. Food was the only major area of complaint. Microphones were new, 18 liked, 16 did not. Several dance leaders found the mics uncomfortable. John will review the surveys re: the microphones more closely, and we will continue the discussion at the next DUPP.

Choice of next year's leaders subcommittee--Martha, John, Murad Phil, who haven't met yet.

Oneness Project supported transportation for young leaders. We still have some money to award.

Wilderness Scholarships

DUPP last year awarded several partial scholarships to Wilderness Camp. Oneness Project was providing matching scholarships. Our finances are in a different situation this year, so we decided to table this item for now.

Break and Dance: "Alleluia"

Dynamics of Dance Circle:

Last three weeks Keystone Circle had more than 20 people in attendance, but 5 year trend is clearly down. A systems exercise describes the dynamics of the system, so we can see where we might be able to shift towards more of what we want. What's the purpose of the Seattle circle? Is something trying to be born? Trying to die? We can't control exogenous forces like increased traffic, but we might be able to mitigate such forces with some other strategy. Where might we be keeping things stuck? What's our ultimate purpose? How can we support one another in deepening our experience collectively? How might we build the field?

We made several more suggestions for the systems diagram, which N'Shama will take to the next Dance Leader's meeting. The next step might be a Community Day that explores the issues. Next Dance Team meeting is 4/15, next DUP Planning meeting is 4/19.

Next meeting: 4/19, 3pm

Location: John's home

Scribe: Helen

Martha: facilitator.

Interim committee: Martha, Phil Murad.

Closing Dance: "Healing Dance"