

Seattle Dances of Universal Peace
Business Meeting
3/29/2023

Present: Hassan, Hayra, Elizabeth, Martha (convener), Brian, Phil, Helen (scribe), Jennifer (vfP), John

Opening dance: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Check-ins

Announcements:

Aramaic Prayer 4/8 in Salem, and 4/15 in Portland. There will be zoom options.
Julia's memorial is being scheduled for 6/3 at Om Culture.

Treasurer:

Bank and small amt cash: \$3133. No upcoming expenses. Just posted \$1000 deposit with Camp Burton.

Upcoming dances:

First park dance is 4/15, 4:00 at Good Shephard Center, weather permitting. Plan is for a park dance once a month.
Following weekend is Leilah Be's retreat.

Possible new dance locations:

Ka has joined a Quaker (Friends) Church in Shoreline, which has a beautiful building. The church might be interested in hosting a trial dance as a support for Ka's ministry. Probably the first one would be after the Sunday service, at noon, focused on Christian dances. Hybrid zooms are an option. Ka will be seeking dancer and musical support, also confirming coverage by our insurance. Also wants to record, but only as a learning tool. Sunday May 7 was chosen. Ka will send info to Brian who will put it on the website. Friends Church is re-evaluating Covid protocols. All donations will go to the church.

7400 Woodlawn - Center for Community, Arts, and Spirituality is located in the former Bethany Lutheran Church building in the Green Lake neighborhood. The Center serves as an umbrella for a collective of non-profit groups. It might be potential alternative to Keystone? Would we be interested in exploring that location as a less than weekly option later?

Jennifer's community: new flooring in the community room and upcoming paint, so room could be available for future viewing parties or to use the space for future dances. Will wait for the next event before looking for a gift to the community since the space is in transition. Our insurance covers our group in multiple venues.

Camp Burton:

Murad, Helen, Martha met and think we should just go for it. Only need 30 people. More events happening, and people are coming to them. We could probably raise the difference between income and cost if we didn't get the full 30 people.

We can incorporate the use of COVID home tests in our health safety protocol. Rapid tests are a good indicator of contagiousness. Attendees can also wear masks. We will need to keep alert to new pandemic developments. Camp Burton has a great heart-pull for many people and will have juice. Zoom dances provided continuity. Also, finding a new venue didn't happen this winter, so the reserved date in early November at Camp Burton is our only option this year. Camp Burton is totally booked.

Sub-committee to decide format and leaders and finances? The old method of a 3-person Dance Leader team, or the newer format of the last two years? Then follow by choosing leaders, maybe by a nominating committee, maybe by the initial sub-group, to be approved by the whole meeting. Martha and Elizabeth will have an initial discussion about options very soon. Initial flyer can be made without names, will be needed before end of May. Brian would need two to three weeks to make up a flyer.

Inland Camp will ask people to avoid large gatherings, test before entering and have tests available if anyone feels ill. Whidbey just set up an in-person zikr.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, April 18, 7:00pm, on zoom

Convener: Hassan

Scribe: Helen

Interim committee: Martha, Hassan, Jennifer

Closing song: "May All Beings Be Well"