

**Seattle Dances of Universal Peace
Planning Meeting
9/20/2023**

Present: Elizabeth, Jennifer (convener), Phil, Hassan, Martha, John, Ka, Wendy, Helen (scribe)

Opening Dance: “Deeper, Deeper”

Treasurer’s Report:

Currently we have \$2750 in the treasury. Anticipated expenses: insurance (approx. \$325) and Judith Card final website bill (\$325).

Camp Burton Update:

Nearly 75 registrants! Dance space will need to be expanded from initial estimate. Paypal payment option is on website but website wasn’t up this summer, so only two people have paid via Paypal (which charges high fees). Next year we will ask for additional Paypal fee if used for registrations.

Leadership: 5 sessions are planned, with a 3-person team for each session. All know they might need to fit in an additional guest leader. Lots of enthusiasm. No after-lunch session until 4:00, but there are requests to offer workshops in early afternoon. Saturday night is zikr, with jam following. Nuria-Mubeen will be musician boshi. New people are planning to come who are musicians, and are being referred to Nuria. New sound equipment will be available; Matin and Jill will run the equipment. One of Matin’s monitors may be available if it can be transported for one zoom (Saturday morning) hybrid session.

Covid plans: Self-test before coming will be requested. Recent news that free tests will be available again at [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov).

Decorating: John has hangings, as does Hassan. Elizabeth is leading the decorating team.

Outdoor dances:

Next one will be October 7th, unless someone else wants to do one in September. Autumn Leaf event 9/15 included dances. Hassan and Elizabeth may offer one more in October.

Indoor dances:

Zarifah is interested in participating if we do indoor dances again.

Phil asked Keystone about doing the Aramaic Prayer there, but they don’t want to do one-time events without a regular commitment. We would be considering a monthly dance over the winter at most. No alternate spots have been explored yet. Several were suggested. Phil will ask further at Keystone, John will explore more with Woodlawn, Northgate Community Center, and CSL. Martha is willing to check into Haller Lake Community Church. Jennifer would like to host a dance at her community.

We would only want to commit to a monthly dance for 3-4 months, during daylight hours.

Website up again:

As before, the site can be reached via seattledancesofuniversalpeace.org, seattledup.org or peacedancing.org. The site, which was redesigned by Judith Card after Brian's passing, was demonstrated by Helen, who has learned how to do simple updates. Two minor requests will be sent to Judith.

Break: "Every Day" as a song, Hassan also demonstrating in Spanish

Check-ins

Closing: "May All Beings Be Well"

Next meeting:

(We will attempt to schedule evening meeting times over the winter, using zoom.)

Wednesday, 10/18, 7:00pm (backup date 10/25, 7:00pm)

Convener: John

Scribe: Helen

Interim Committee: Jennifer, John, Phil