

**Seattle Dances of Universal Peace
Planning Meeting (Part 2)
12/6/23**

Present:

Elizabeth, Phil (convener), John, Helen (scribe), Martha, Ka, Joe D, Hassan, Jennifer (VfP)

Opening dance: "From This Circle of Love"

2024 Fall Retreat Dates:

Martha researched potential conflicts as well as availability at Camp Burton. After some discussion we agreed that reserving four days instead of three at this time keeps more options open. For instance Thursday could be devoted to special sessions devoted to one tradition, or other focus. Pending confirmation that we can cancel the Thursday if needed, we agreed to reserve November 7-10 2024.

End of year donations:

Since some monies are still trickling in from the fall retreat, we decided to table this question until next meeting.

New venue: 7400 Woodlawn

a. Aramaic Prayer and Global Peace Dance

Joe has volunteered to be at a table near the entrance as greeter for the Aramaic Prayer. Participants will need to be directed to the community room, though we will traverse other spaces to get to the bathrooms, and asked about a same-day Covid test. Shortly after the event begins, the outer doors will be locked with a note to text or call the greeter if arriving late. This should work well for a daytime event, but may be more problematic for GDP since people arrive and leave all evening. An ad hoc committee was formed to consider security arrangements, consisting of Ka, Phil, Jennifer and Joe.

Ka and John have posted fliers. Martha will make a centerpiece and extra Covid tests available. We won't put up other decorations, as there are limited spots for wall hangings.

Ka and Munajat are organizing the Global Peace Dance, and Ka has paid the rent for the event.

b. Zoom options

There is no plan to try a zoom hybrid for either special event.

c. Scheduling leaders and musicians this winter

Leaders and musicians are being organized by Phil and Ka respectively for the events they are heading up.

Hassan will see about holding a zoom meeting for local leaders (those present, Zarifah and Farishta, etc), probably on Saturday January 13 at 2:00pm, to discuss leadership for the following three months (February, March and April).

Next meeting:

Wednesday, 1/10, 4:30pm

Convener: Martha

Scribe: Helen

Interim committee: Phil, Martha, Jennifer

Closing dance: "Haida, haida"