

**Seattle Dances of Universal Peace
Planning Meeting
3/21/2024**

Present: John (convener), Helen (scribe), Elizabeth, Ka, Phil Murad, Jennifer (VfP) Martha, Hassan, Joe

Opening dance: Enla Kesh

Treasurer Report:

We have paid the rent to 7400 Woodlawn through 2024. We sent \$400 for four months (April, Oct, Nov, Dec). We will pay another \$400 in early January 2025 for Jan-April. We have \$4770 in bank and cash, with no anticipated expenses until the summer.

Meeting structure:

Please pay attention to schedule and wait for facilitator to call on speakers. Please use virtual or physical hands. Please let the group know ahead of time if someone needs to leave early.

Fall Regional Retreat:

No new developments from Camp Burton. After some discussion, Elizabeth and Martha volunteered to do the basic planning for leadership, with input from the group as they develop a proposal. Ka would prefer having a small group of main leaders, but could go along with a structure like last year's.

Pros and cons of having one zoom session were discussed. There were significant problems with last year's experiment, but perhaps tech could be improved, simpler dances shared, or Canadian dancers assisted to come in person. Elizabeth and Martha will look into options.

Covid testing:

We decided to continue asking for tests in April. Testing will be irrelevant this summer and we don't know whether testing will be needed next fall. We have many tests left that still have active control lines, but by the fall we would need a new supply. We will revisit the issue in September.

We agreed to continue to ask latecomers to test or not enter. We agreed to add an optional column to the sign-in list that includes contact information for those who would like to be notified if anyone reports getting Covid shortly after our dance. We will also add a checkbox for anyone wanting to be added to the list-serve.

Keys to storage area:

Helen and Elizabeth each have a key to the closet where the suitcase of decorations, tests and donation jar are stored. Elizabeth and Zarifah lead in April and Elizabeth will have a key for that dance. We won't need to use the keys again until October. Should we make more

keys for those who open the meeting? Our rental agreement refers to two keys, so Martha would need to request permission to make more copies. We will revisit issue in September.

Flags:

Ka demonstrated how to hang flags using blue tape over corners of partitions so that the flags don't come loose.

Summer dances:

Hassan and Elizabeth will organize dances at Good Shepherd in May-Sept.

Dispersing the dance library:

Ka had put out some items from DUP library at the last dance, but had hesitations at the last minute about the potential of inappropriate sharing of materials. She is taking her personal collection with her while out of state. Physical instruction booklets can be useful in mentorship, though most materials are now available on-line. Elizabeth volunteered to steward the library over the summer. Joe is willing to store the round rug that had been used at fall retreat.

Announcement:

Ka is now on sabbatical until further notice, and is not planning to attend future meetings.

Next meeting:

Date and time: Wednesday, 5/8, 4:00 by zoom

Convener: Joe

Scribe: Helen

Interim committee: John, Joe, Jennifer

Closing dance: Only a Heart with Wings