

**Seattle Dances of Universal Peace
Planning Meeting
5/8/24**

Opening Dance: “Russian Kyrie”

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

Announcements:

Ka’s home has sold and she is in Oregon at least through June.

Park Dance, first of season, 4:00 at Meridian Playground/Good Shepherd Center.
Dance leaders invited to arrive 3:30 to offer dances.

Many Sufi and DUP camps coming up. First is Inland Camp over Memorial Day outside Spokane.

Treasurer’s report:

We have \$4,709 total (bank and cash), with not much intake or outgo expected over the summer, except some website renewals. We took in a bit more than we spent this winter at 7400 Woodlawn.

Reflections on 4/13 dance:

Elizabeth and Zarifah led. Theme, variety, spirit all good. Attendance about 15.

Upcoming summer dances:

First one will be 5/12, 4:00pm. In the past all leaders who want to lead have been welcomed. The program gets put together right before the dance. 5/12 was the most practical date, even though it will be on Mother’s Day. Until September a pop-up dance will be held monthly. Dates are still to be determined. Let Hassan and Elizabeth know of any special requests.

Fall regional retreat:

Camp Burton is asking for date confirmation. Martha confirmed Nov 8-10, but told them we are still on the fence about Thursday Nov 7. Elizabeth surveyed potential leaders and musicians, with mixed responses about Thursday.

She proposes selecting 5 poles, one for each session, with minimal coordination after that from Elizabeth/Martha. If there is a captain for each session, hopefully much of the negotiation within each session can be handled by them.

Musician boshi role and how this would interface with captains is not yet decided, but a process should be figured out soon. Maybe each captain chooses musicians from a prepared list, with names collected ahead of time of people willing to play? How to integrate last-minute musicians (and leaders), as well as spread the opportunities evenly? No fool-proof system! Elizabeth and Martha will discuss more, probably re-sending emails asking for interest.

The mini-survey showed interest, but not necessarily commitment, about the option of including Thursday Nov 7. Camp Burton requires final confirmation around August 1. The amount of extra cost per person would significantly affect people's decisions, so Martha will try to get that figured out, and then send a one-question survey to dancers as well as leaders. We would like to have the decision about Nov 7 made very soon, so that the announcement /flier can go out close to June 1. Most people who want to stay in the retreat center sign up right away.

Next meeting:

We set two potential dates, June 19 and July 10, 4:00pm on zoom. We may skip the June meeting if not needed to discuss the decision about Nov 7.

Convener: Martha in June, Hassan in July

Scribe: Helen

Interim committee: Hassan, Joe, Martha (who convenes in June if needed)

Closing dance: "Shalom"