

**Seattle Dances of Universal Peace
Planning Meeting
10/22/2024**

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

Opening Dance: Ganesha Sharinam

Announcements:

Ka still has two of Brian Dina's guitars, which she wants to give to the dance community. She may put them on a free table at the retreat or gift them to someone who is a musician for the Dances.

Port Townsend dance was supported by Elizabeth and Margaret Lily. Bainbridge dance with Ka and Margaret Lily also happened. Both were small groups, easy and relaxed.

Prayer requests for Barucha and Rama Bob who would enjoy visitors/music.

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$3800 in bank, and \$1500 on deposit for Camp Burton. Annual insurance has been paid.

Vashon Retreat:

Logistics: 66 people are registered, but no Canadians. Sound will be done by Mark Basham. He has the equipment we would need. If we want one partial-zoom session, Portland dances may have access to a big screen. Next year a retreat on Whidbey will be late in October, so we will have to schedule the fall retreat on Nov 7,8,9.

Program: Elizabeth has arranged 6 leadership teams of two, plus 8 guest leaders so far who will be incorporated into the 6 teams. Still solidifying team membership.

NADUP is having a big retreat around this time. We agree to have a regional dance leader meeting on Saturday afternoon, likely in the Fireside dining room and open to anyone interested in coming. Vimlan, who is on the North American board will be coming right after the NADUP retreat and is available to lead off our regional meeting. Paul Feriz has offered to do music for those who aren't dance leaders between 2 and 3 in the main dance space.

Hassan willing to organize last-minute musicians with Phil as backup. Help is needed for decorations: Karim and John. 12:30 would be good timing for help with decorations. Elizabeth will be leaving early on Sunday for a memorial for Atum O'Kane, so clean-up will need more volunteer hands.

Global Peace Dance:

What do we want to support around the new year? 7400 is open on New Year's Eve if we want to reserve the space, but Ka is no longer interested in doing an evening dance. Ka

will look into organizing a daytime dance on January 1, sometime between 10am and 2pm. Our group is willing to cover the financial risk. John, Karim and Jennifer are willing to help.

Facebook Approvals:

Some automatic approvals happened for new member requests. It turns out that AI assumed that people should be approved. John will investigate whether it's easy to turn off the automatic approvals, though so far no one inappropriate has been added.

North America Dances (NADUP) website:

Ka is willing to update our entry. Martha says that the NADUP webmaster can be helpful if any problems with tech.

Fall Dances at 7400 Woodlawn:

Martha has arranged alternative 7400 dates for November and December. Jennifer and Nina Zieve will lead 11/16.

Aramaic Prayer is scheduled for 12/21. Mariko and Christo from Eugene may be co-leading with Phil.

Sept dance was small but sweet. Leader designations for spring dates will need to be organized.

Next meeting:

Thursday December 5, 2:00 by zoom

Convener: Karim

Scribe: Helen

Interim Committee: Karim, John, Jennifer

Final Dance: "Ancestors Old, Ancestors New" (sung).