Seattle Dances of Universal Peace
Planning Meeting ~ January 30, 2020

Present: Martha (facilitator), Helen (Scribe), Hayra, N'Shama, Melissa, Brian, John (vfP). Quorum is present.

Dance: Bismillah Round

Announcements:
☯ Shoreline Dance will resume on 3rd Fridays in March, same location.
☯ SkyCamp dates: May 15-17
☯ Elizabeth, John and Hayra have applied to Folklife for a DUP presence, will be recruiting help.

Interim committee:
Cancelled January 15 Keystone Dance due to snow.

Treasurer's report:
☯ We have approximately $3100 in assets; rent is paid through January.
☯ In 2019 we averaged $84 per night, compared with $94 per night in 2018.
☯ In 2019 we averaged 14.4 dancers per night, compared with 17 per night in 2018.

Camp Burton 2019:

Financial report:
☯ Martha reported that we had 60 total attendees.
☯ A complete financial report is available from Martha upon request.

Food issues:
The camp cook almost quit because we had so many special needs folks who constantly bothered the kitchen. People came late, didn't hear the oral announcements, and didn't read the white board. In the future, all communications with kitchen will have to go through Martha (or another designated person), not directly to cooks. We can encourage people to bring their own food as well.

Evaluations:
☯ The final summary has been tabulated but was not available at this meeting due to technical difficulties. Dance team was very positively received. In other areas, comments were similar to most years. Main suggestion for improvement: no or fewer cell phones in dance space.
Planning for 2020:

○ Dates are set for Nov 6-8. Martha will send out "save the date" announcement. Price will only go up slightly. Might we consider raising $10 per person to cover this and help make up for weekly Keystone losses? Martha and Helen will review costs and fees. What about further incentivizing using all the beds in the Retreat Center?
○ John, Martha, Hayra willing to remain on committee to choose 2020 leaders.
○ N'Shama suggested that having guest leaders sign up earlier would ease the process for the main leaders. Current plan is to have check-box on registration form for leaders and musicians, which would be sent to main leaders. Hayra tried this approach before, and by and large liked having dances known ahead of time. N'Shama's leader group wasn't clear about what boundaries were expected in terms of numbers of guest leaders to be included. Phil Murad and N'Shama are planning to write up something for 2020 leaders. Separate letter/email to leaders and musicians after confirmation letter has gone out? Maybe a limit of 10 guest leaders? We want to project a vision that is inviting to leaders but also holds a magnetic center.

Alternate Venue Sites for Seattle Dance:

○ Investigated church at 78th and Greenwood, but found that acoustics didn't work well.
○ Martha checked out a church in Haller Lake, but acoustics will probably be similar issue with carpet and acoustic tiles. Still waiting to hear from another church in that area. Also checked out a church off 45th, but no space available.
○ N'Shama has held an event at Phinney Ridge Lutheran, but we have also been told that door monitors would be required there. $75 per evening versus $87.50 at Keystone. Food could be made available. N'Shama will confirm about door monitoring requirement.
○ Center for Spiritual Living--still being investigated.
○ Also still being investigated: St. Andrews on some other evening, synagogues. Bergith has suggested a community room at a senior trailer park at no charge.
○ Other suggestions from dancers all have some problems: Amazing Grace in Ballard isn't ADA accessible, North Capitol Hill site has no parking, room in athletic club in Shoreline is too far north.
○ We discussed other ideas: 1) Switch to 2 evenings/month at Keystone, use meeting room at libraries for other Wednesdays. Libraries close early and can't be regularly booked. 2) monthly dance at Keystone with PR, home dance on
another Wednesday for more deepened, intimate process. Issue would be finding homes that were available. 3) Simply drop to two meetings a month at Keystone.

However, on 1/29 several people showed up who used to dance but aren't regular now. They knew they could just show up because they knew where and when the Dances were being held.

**Requesting Financial Support:**
N'Shama suggests asking for monetary support from folks who love the dances but who may not be coming regularly ("tithing"). Donation button on the website might help that process. What would be needed technically? Do we need to start a paypal account? What about wording on website? Could it be set up for recurring payments? We would need an inviting PR email and regular announcements. Phil will write some draft wording and pass on to interim committee.

**Next Meeting:**
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Scribe: Melissa

**Interim Committee:** Martha, John, Hayra