

Annual Community Meeting Minutes: March 3rd, 2013

In attendance:

Ana Gonzales Biele

Scott Shuker

Ruth Solomon

Kim

Neil Egan

Deanna Joy Hallmark

Tom Nunes

Francesca Shrady

Raphael Weisman

Jay Lynch

Lyric Kali

Tracy Collins

Patrick M. McGee-Russell

Ana opened the meeting with a reading of the Agenda for the evening.

- 1) Opening Ritual by Lyric
- 2) Talking Stick
- 3) Annual Meeting: Installation of new CC member
- 4) ED in Print proposal
- 5) Website redesign
- 6) Monthly Saturday Dance
- 7) Community Meeting Scheduling
- 8) Party Committee update
- 9) Move Map
- 10) Co-Creator Core Group

Scott noted that his APF regarding the Party Committee had not been registered and included. Ana responding by informing the body that Quorum had not been possible at the recent CC meetings making it impossible to complete any business. Francesca proceeded with a reading of the Consensus Statement.

1) Opening Ritual—Lyric called in the four directions, spirits, guides, familiars, etc. to guide/assist us all in fulfilling our purposes.

2) Ana introduces the Talking Stick as the method of order for the evening.

3) Annual Meeting

As exiting head of the Board, Neil opened with an offering of accolades to the past years Board of Directors, thanking them. He used the opportunity to raise questions regarding the remodeling of the selection process for CC and BOD members; eliminating elections in favor of open volunteers or by invitation of the existing membership? –expansion of the CC to 9 members to help the frequent lack of a quorum?

- Tracy asked for clarity on the circle talk.

- Ana offered that Neil was attending to the Annual Meeting business first.

- Ruth restated, for clarification, the recent changes made regarding the extending of the terms of the previously existing CC members.

- Neil proceeded with asking for the financial report.

- Ruth offered that the financials would be available for inclusion in the meeting minutes. She stated that our “money in-and-out is running smoothly.” We are running at a slight profit for the past year and our reserves presently stand at approximately \$9,000. She advised that we should set a budget for the coming year.
- Neil proceeded with a listing of the Board of Director members continuing their terms into the coming year: Ruth Solomon, Francesca Shradly, Patrick McGee-Russell, John Meade, and Azlan White.
- Neil installed the newly elected member of the CC, Lyric Kali.
- Tracy asked what the BOD has done over the past year.
- Neil responded that in addition to the regular orders of business such as insurance and financial oversight, the BOD focused on the consolidation and reorganization of all past paperwork and the processing of the Irenka injury event.
- Scott stated the need that he and the other Coordinators be more fully informed on the new Incident Report procedures.
- Neil offered an invitation to the assembled body for new volunteers to the BOD.
- Scott shared that he had been experiencing bad communication with the other coordinators lately, the personality interactions are “not smooth.”
- Ana responded with the announcement that we have been cited by the landlord recently for lack of proper completion of the ‘clean up/lock up’ after-dance chores.
- Tracy put forth that there are lists of all the things to be done in the folder.
- Ana called for the establishment of separate meetings for coordinators.
- Tracy wanted meetings for facilitators & coordinators to encourage better communication.
- Ruth stated that the friction behind the scenes doesn’t feel good. Asked if two coordinators might be necessary on Thursdays.
- Tom suggested a sign-in sheet for all evening duties.
- Lyric felt that one incident does not necessitate any extra steps.
- Scott supported Lyric’s statement.
- Ruth supported a sign-able checklist for evening duties.
- Francesca questioned who would be in a position of oversight.
- Ruth and Kim both concurred with Francesca’s query.
- Tracy raised the question of monies being left unattended during Francesca’s recent absence.
- Francesca responded that she had informed everybody of the timeframe of her absence.
- Raphael stated that no clarity had been offered on the passing of monies.
- Ana stated, “We need better clarity with the money.”
- Lyric added that the landlord’s telephone number is available in regards to evening duty problems.
- Tracy added that it has never been the coordinator’s job to handle the money.

4) ED in print

- Tom introduced the idea as a way of sharing ourselves with the community in new ways.
- Ana offered supporting statements.
- Ruth suggested something closer to the old brochure foldout.

- Scott supported something similar to Ruth's offering.
- Tracy stated a misunderstanding of what the intention was, questioning if it was to be a yearly journal.
- Tom stated that he got the idea from the ECT blurb.
- Ana proceeded with a rereading of some notes from the last CC meeting regarding some of the ideas.
- Tracy stated that this idea was floated some 4 years ago and has concerns that the people doing stuff would not have the "history" to put the stuff forward properly. Suggested that she have some kind of oversight with what is put in print.
- Lyric raised the question that, if we can't get people to step up to the existing jobs, why are we inventing new projects? Should we not just refocus on the dance?
- Deanna stated that she is against the print effort.
- Tracy supported Deanna's statement of the print effort being wasteful. Suggested that other avenues be explored instead, such as video.

5) Website Redesign

- Ana opened with a statement of where we presently are. John Cavanagh is presently doing the job of website management. We are going to a simpler format to enable others to handle the site management. The redesign estimate is \$650.
- Lyric stated that she is working with John on the redesign and will be the CC's liaison to John.
- Ana stated that she would like to see the volunteer schedule on the website alongside the facilitator and coordinator schedules.
- Lyric said that she was exploring links between our website and FB page.
- Tracy suggested better communication between volunteers and coordinators via the website.
- Francesca remembered doing all the volunteer jobs and that it was her responsibility to call the coordinator if she were going to be absent.
- Ana suggested longer-term commitments for the volunteers.
- Lyric said that that would not work for the altar job.
- Tracy stated that we had tried longer commitments and that it didn't work before. She also said that the new bunch of facilitators have not filled all the volunteer jobs as used to be required.

6) Monthly Dance Parties

- Ana opened with a brief description of the idea.
- Ruth thought that every month would be too much.
- Tom suggested one trial dance and that the community be asked their opinion through Survey Monkey.
- Deanna stated that all she was hearing was "more work for somebody".
- Jay offered support for the idea.
- Scott objected.
- Tom reiterated that he thought Survey Monkey should be used to determine general interest.
- Deanna strongly objected to the use of Survey Monkey.

- Ruth stated that she might support every other month.
- Tracy said that she has had this idea for a long time and of course supports it.
- Lyric offered that if there was no interest from facilitators to do an extra evening, that it wouldn't work. Suggested that themes or specialty nights could be fun.
- Francesca asked how can this add to community participation? Suggested that we do surveys at the dance on a blackboard.

7) Scheduling Meetings

- Lyric opened with a question about how does communication proceed between the different governing bodies.
- Scott supported the idea of quarterly community meetings.
- Francesca shared a point of frustration, feeling that there was lots of talk, but questioned what is getting done and what is the vision.
- Ana stated that after a year heading the CC she feels like she is just getting her footing, "in the whole process of getting things done."
- Ruth reminded the gathering that the CC was created expressly to move things forward.
- Raphael offered a reflection that overall he thinks the community is strong and we should all just let it keep growing strongly. "Let it go and let it build."

8) Party Committee

- Scott, who is heading the committee, announced that the party date is set for May 4, with a hat decorating construction theme and ideas for a silent auction and door prizes. He also shared that the Railyard can be had for the full evening for only \$200. He put forth a time parameter of 5pm-midnight with the dance going from 7-11pm. He asked for approval for a budget of \$500 (total).
- Budget of \$500 was approved by consensus.

9) Move Map

- Tracy introduced the idea of participating in an online location service for movement events. She shared that the yearly fee is \$24.
- Participation at the set amount of \$24/year was approved by consensus.

10) Co-Creators Core Group

- Tracy introduced this opportunity as a way for the community to carry forward her vision. She presented a book by Katharine Roske and the availability of an 8-week course with the author for 8-12 selected individuals from the community.
- Questions were raised regarding the cost, time commitment and course content for such a program.
- Tracy offered that she would provide these answers to be included in the minutes.
- Scott asked why this was being brought to the Community Meeting.
- Lyric responded that it was to build community.

Meeting was brought to a close and adjourned by Ana.