

Embodydance Community-Wide Meeting
9-15-13

Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM with Ana Gonzales Biele taking notes,

Attendees: Patrick McGee Russell, Guthrie Miller, Dulce Valverde, M Scher Dow, Adrian & Ethan—new community members and Ruth Solomon

The first item of discussion was a question posed by a dancer, “Why did we need to have the guidelines or the rules spoken every single time. We all know what we’re doing and using intelligence so why necessary?”

After much sharing with comments such as: setting a ritual—having some things be the same during a time when there so much freedom of expression. Also the liability of Embodydance if we don’t reinforce to the entire group our guidelines. It was determined that this is part of what creates the safe container for our dancers! A script is going to be drafted and suggestions for stating the guidelines—Gently yet firmly.

Next was the topic of community building and how we can assure better attendance at community meetings Why don’t coordinators or facilitators attend community meetings? It is that mission statement of Embodydance to have community with our dance or dances be our community

The discussion was revisited about the community’s decision to raise the facilitator pay that occurred during our previous community meeting. It seems that there were some people who have missed the meetings and had misunderstood the process that the community and CC and Board to assure that a good decision was made. Budget discussions followed and the Board is requesting proposed budgets to be submitted. Please recall that all minutes are posted on our website.

It is suggested and consented that the mission statement will be read at every community meeting. In the interest of obtaining more of a community voice we are thinking of having meetings right after dance on Thursdays or before dance on Sundays. There was also discussion about the possibility of special Saturdays having a meeting and annual meeting in January along with our special Sat Dance. The CC will take up this discussion at their next meeting. Another idea is to forego the online and ballot election process for the CC and simply have volunteers and face-to-face voting at the annual meeting, like we do for the Board.

Another aspect of meetings and personal time allotments—along with overall overwhelm—it may be that the time for meetings of a certain style has passed. More input from the community would be really helpful to determine how it is that we can have a vibrant community within our dancing.

Patrick welcomed and made formal the installation of new board members Guthrie and Dulce. The Board now consists of Ruth, Patrick Guthrie, Dulce, John Meade and Francesca. The CC has 4 members currently: Lyric, Alec, Tom and Ana GB. Patrick from the Board acts as an interface from the Board and quorum member of the CC.

Thank you Guthrie for having us in your home.

Thank you to those who brought food it was a warm and intimate group