

EmbodyDance Community Council Meeting Minutes

26-May-2015, 5pm, at Guthrie's

Present: CC members Alexanna Hope, Guthrie Miller (note taker), Jay Lynch, John Bacon , Raphael Weisman, Tracy Juechter (facilitator), and web master John Cavanagh

1. Web site utilization, discussion with John Cavanagh

- John said he now has very little interface with the CC. He doesn't get notification of CC meetings and meeting minutes to post on the web site in a timely way. The CC minute taker will in the future email John with approved minutes and next meeting announcements within one week after a CC meeting.
- The web site presently has only John as administrator able to post things. John may be leaving Santa Fe in the next two years, and he would like to share the administrator role with others, although it is important that these persons receive some training (for example to avoid updating software that would break some working systems). Raphael volunteered to be another admin.
- The web site could have a blog that community members could post on. Presently there are no community members. We asked John if he could use the 600-member MailChimp list to send a opt-in request. John said he could do this. And, we will begin spreading the word about joining the web site community. This will require a person to take on the task of reviewing membership requests. Raphael volunteered.
- We discussed having the web site take over what the closed-group facebook page does. At this time, with the importance of reaching out in all possible ways, it was decided that we wouldn't discontinue the face book group but rather add a community aspect to the web site.
- The web site runs on WordPress, which is free, but site hosting (by Dewa Host) cost \$120 per year. John costs \$115/month, and he said he considers himself under utilized.
- John mentioned a very successful dance community in Olympia Washington that we might learn from (Olywaves.com).
- Raphael proposed a community-wide committee for outreach and publicity that would consider new ways to utilize our web site. The CC agreed that this was a good idea.
- In principle, working with Tracy Collins (the only person presently able to administer the facebook group), we should be able to auto post to and from the website to the Facebook group. John indicated he would contact Tracy about changing the password so others can become admin to access the Facebook page and approve new members.

2. **Ben Michaels-Fallon & John Cavanagh have pulled back from being facilitators.** We thank them for their contributions and want them to know that we would welcome their return.
3. **Neil has resigned from the CC.** The CC thanks him for his years of generous service to this community.
4. **Monthly financial reports by our accountant Ruth Solomon.** We agreed to look over what she is currently sending each month, and within a week send comments or suggestions to Raphael, who will relay them to Ruth.
5. **FUNdRaiser 15th Anniversary Party.** Update and review by Raphael of the efforts of very many people. This should be an outstanding event. We should all make it a point to invite others and to get the word out to other communities we are involved with. The event happens this coming Saturday 30th May at the Rail Yard. Much food is being provided; there will be beautiful decorations, great music, and entertainment. The recommended donation of \$15 makes this quite a bargain.
6. **Signaling desire for non-engagement.** The CC reaffirmed that this is a good idea. A gesture has been agreed upon. The CC agrees that we should clearly differentiate Embodydance as a space for Spiritual practice from a social dance space.
7. **Agenda items for the next meeting.**
 - a possible mass emailing to survey the community. What brought them to Embodydance? What keeps them here?
 - a discussion of Sundays. How can we reach out to children and youth communities?
 - a day (or half-day) envisioning session with food, perhaps a picnic.
8. **The next two meetings were set:** Monday June 15 at 5:30p (John Bacon facilitates and Raphael is minute taker) and Monday July 6 at 5:30p, both at Guthrie's (509 Camino Lejo). It was agreed that the facilitator would bring a printed copy of the minutes from the last meeting.