

Embodydance Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes - Thursday, July 30, 10:30am, Home of Ruth Solomon
Submitted by John Meade, Secretary

In Attendance: Ruth Solomon, Guthrie Miller, Francesca Shradly, John Meade, Julie Glassmoyer and Dulce Valverde.

The meeting was called to order at 10:50am with a reading of the ED consensus statement. The meeting minutes from the board meeting in April were briefly reviewed and approved.

Initially we reviewed the board's role or function for Embodydance with each member speaking their perspective. We see the board as responsible for maintaining the organization's focus on its mission of serving the community by providing weekly dances with a safe container for participants to develop self and community awareness. As a non-profit, the board carries the fiscal and legal responsibility for the organization including making required reports which are executed by Ruth. It was noted that the board's role shifted a number of years ago when the Community Council was created to manage the more day-to-day activities of Embodydance.

The next topic discussed was the Embodydance Anniversary Party on Saturday, May 30 that apparently brought in \$1912 (60%) to Embodydance and \$1275 (40%) to the organizers, Tracy Collins and Raphael Weisman, who took over Ana Gonzales's position. Ruth will review any lack of clarity of the expense accounting with Raphael and obtain cash receipts for any cash expenditures.

The general finances of Embodydance were reviewed and it was noted that approximately 35 participants paying \$12 each are required at each dance to break even. We seem to be holding steady between entrance fees and donations but would like to express in the closing circles the need for continued generosity and growing a culture with the spirit of service. There was some discussion of facilitators being more participatory in the Embodydance community beyond just the days they facilitate and a desire for more guest facilitators such as Elizabeth Cervantes, Dwight Loop and Tess Yong was expressed.

A couple of admission incentives were discussed to pass on to the Community Council. It was suggested that a ½ off Sunday dance card be given to newcomers rather than offering a free pass on their first time. It was also suggested that we offer a ½ off Sunday dance 10-pass punch card or ½ off Sundays through Dia de Los Muertos. Guthrie is organizing a visioning group to explore how we can evolve Embodydance and it's community spirit and will have a sign-up sheet at the greeting table. He suggested that there be a regular announcement about greeting new people and encouraging connections after the dance and inviting participants to come to the Community Council meetings.

Julie Glassmoyer inquired with a number of mothers of younger children regarding Sunday dances. They expressed an interest in a more structured program that would engage and exhaust the kids. Julie indicated she would participate in the visioning group to focus on ideas for evolving the Sunday dance format. She also indicated she might be open to assuming Guthrie's Board position as Community Council liaison.

This meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 9:30am–11:30pm at Ruth's house.