

Minutes of Embodydance Community Council Meeting August 3rd, 2015

In Attendance: Alexanna Hope (Facilitator), Raphael Weisman (Notetaker), Guthrie Miller, Tracy Jeuchter, Julie Glassmeyer.

1. Agenda approved.
2. Minutes of last meeting approved with amendments by Guthrie—posted on Dropbox
3. Old Business reports—Raphael met with John and has been authorized as an editor on the website. He spoke to Ruth and clarified what the CC is requesting for our monthly report as well as the balances and 40% checks for the Fundraiser party. John picks up the mail and sometimes only gets the bank statement to Ruth around the end of the month. Scott Norris does not always have totals and deposits in by end of previous month. No deposits in Pay Pal to transfer or report. John Bacon is temporarily unable to attend meetings on Mondays. Ruth had mentioned that he had resigned from the CC because of health reasons, but we have not been informed directly by John. Alexanna will call him to follow up and clarify his status. If true, he will be missed.
4. Tracy suggested we add to our CC protocols that it is OK if someone on the CC needs to take a leave of absence, but that they should not dance for free while on leave of absence.
5. Minutes: Our procedure is to have minutes typed and circulated for amendments within 3 days of a meeting and they should be ready to send to John for the website within a week. This is the Notetaker's responsibility.
6. Website: We want to focus on the website as the place visitors go for information on Embodydance. Raphael suggested we post details about the "gift economy," first-time dancer protocols etc on the front page and develop the use of blogging more widely, encouraging dancers to share their experiences and comments. There is already a Community page that is set up like a blog. Julie has some experience with use of her website/blog to draw people via judicious use of keywords etc. A meeting was set to discuss the website and blogging, Friday 7th August at Raphael's home, 1601 La Cieneguita, Apt D1 at 10 AM. John was invited by phone at the end of the meeting. Julie, Raphael and Tracy J will also attend.
7. Financials: No financial report has been submitted since 6-15-15. The financial statements from our accountant Ruth Solomon show that the cost to keep Embodydance afloat is about \$45,000 a year. From our sign-in sheets, in 2015 (projected to a full year) the number of dancers per year is about 4050 with 540 of them work exchange. This works out to about \$13 per dance. Punch cards are \$10 per dance and for the year about 1090 attendees use cards. Therefore we need about \$14 per paying dancer to make ends meet. With our current expenses and suggested donation amounts we need more dancers, otherwise we will continue to be in arrears.

A task force will be set up to look at promotion, fundraising and ideas for improving our financial situation. Julie will consider spearheading the task force and wants to recruit some of our younger dancers. Raphael will also be on the team. Raphael will ask Tracy Collins if she would like to also be on the team. Raphael will forward James River Martin's email address to Julie. He had volunteered to help.

8. Survey questions complete. Guthrie will make his amendments tonight and post on Dropbox so that Tracy J can forward the completed survey to John for website and Survey Monkey.

Raphael will ask John to sign emails he sends from the Embodydance email address with his name or "webmaster" so it is clear who is responding, as in the case of Thayer's request concerning facilitation.

9. It was agreed that the CC would review the current facilitator training protocols. The current protocol is posted on dropbox. Some on the CC believe it would be good for Embodydance if we could more easily invite in new facilitators on a trial basis. At some point we will open up this discussion to include Tracy and the facilitators.

10. Next meetings: It was agreed that we determine the following two meeting dates and times so they can be posted on the website in a timely manner. The next meeting is on Monday 17th August at 5:30 PM at Alexanna's 1601 La Cieneguita, Apt E-1. Tracy Facilitator(?) The following meeting will be Monday, August 31st also at Alexanna's. Guthrie will be away for both meetings. If John Bacon is still on the CC and can attend Tuesday meetings, the meetings may be changed to the 18th August and 1st September.