

EmbodyDance Community Meeting Minutes

25-January-2016, 5:30-7 pm, at J Lynch's

Present: Guthrie Miller, Tracy Juechter (note taker), Julie Glassmoyer (facilitator) J Lynch, Raphael Weisman, Facilitators Alec Walling, Tracy Collins, & Ana Biele, Coordinator Scott Shuker, Board members John Meade & Ruth Solomon.

1. **Brief sharing of one word describing respect to open circle.**
2. **Upcoming CC meeting.**

Monday February 8th at J Lynch's house. Guthrie will be note taker and Tracy J. will facilitate.
3. **The Agenda for next meeting will be:** (Won't likely get through all these, maybe 1st 5-6)
 - Tracy C. proposal for artistic director (or possibly via email prior) &/or update on recent grant for dance calendar (by Julie if TC not there).
 - Discussion of Guthrie proposal for interactive blog on website.
 - Board Advisory re punch card
 - Plans for farewell party for Ruth Solomon (if Tracy C. present)
 - Community potluck for February
 - FUNdraiser for May
 - Review role of CC (if docs have been located)
 - DB meter update
 - WE dance per Guthrie
 - FB thread initiated by Duija
4. **Three Accountants were interviewed by those present.** These were chosen from 16 candidates that John Meade had contacted about the position, Kara McDonald, Joan Scango, & John Lorenzo. Kara McDonald was selected to be our new accountant! She is a belly dancer, has done accounting for others, and recently opened her own business
5. **The facilitators and CC reached agreement about guest facilitators for Sunday.**
 - We will experiment with a goal of 1 guest facilitator per quarter.
 - The payment will be negotiated with each guest facilitator. Some of the forms of payment discussed were: dance cards as payment, a range of \$50-\$100 depending on their experience, and 50% of the net income (after expenses are met) as incentive for them to publicize the event and bring people. (once expenses are covered: \$90 rent, \$50 coordinator, \$50 promoting facilitator, and TBD \$50 or other amount towards general expenses). To put on a Sunday dance normally costs about \$330 (\$184 facilitator, \$90 RR rent, \$54 coordinator), and we are typically not covering this (negative net). So any positive net income from Sundays to help with the other ED fixed expenses (like bookkeeper, web site, insurance, etc) is a big improvement.

- The facilitator who invites, trains in, and promotes the guest facilitator will receive \$50. They will provide the warm up if needed, introduction to the equipment, and be on hand for support during the dance.
 - Once a guest facilitator has gone through the process once, they will be expected to promote their event, do a warm up, and be supported by the coordinator in setting up. CC staff attending those Sundays will step up for altars/money, if volunteers don't show up, to make sure the coordinator does not get overwhelmed.
 - Dwight Loop, who had offered to be a guest facilitator with a woman friend doing the altar, will be invited for a Sunday in March. Tracy C. will be his promoting facilitator. He will be offered his choice of \$50 payment or \$88 value dance card, and 50% of net income after expenses are covered.
- 6. Facilitators and CC also discussed:**
- More promotion of all dances with posts on Facebook or blogs on website to attract and build excitement for upcoming dances.
 - Using people in our own community who want to guest facilitate.
 - Occasionally risking a non-5Rhythms format for Sunday, as long as it is promoted as such, and the person is well attended in whatever venue they use.
 - Possibly having a Sunday evening special dance as the space is available and seeing what attendance is like. This would give us good information in case the Sunday afternoon numbers don't go up and we re-explore changing the time.
 - No specific agreements were reached on the above. Ana & Tracy C. already promote their events. Alec expressed a dislike of self-promotion. Facilitators will continue this topic in their own meetings.
- 7. Concerning use of Google Groups for communications:**
- Tracy J. will resend the extended ED list out communicating who the list includes, and seeing if a tag can be created so that all communication using the list shows the current recipients.
 - Tracy J. will coordinate with Ana to become an administrator for the Google Groups that Ana has already set up for communications to the facilitators, and separately, the coordinators.
 - Tracy J. will coordinate with John to create a Google Group for the board members.
 - There will be an effort to communicate only with the parties needed as we move forward.
- 8. Raphael Weisman is stepping down from the CC tonight.** We are sad to see him go and will miss his wisdom and calming presence. There was a discussion of the need to announce at circles that we are looking for CC members. Names of people to personally invite were suggested and CC/Facilitators agreed to invite those suggested.