

Embodydance Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes—Tuesday, January 19, 9:30am, Home of Ruth Solomon

Submitted by John Meade, Secretary

In Attendance: Ruth Solomon, Francesca Shradly, John Meade and Julie Glassmoyer.

The meeting was called to order at 9:50am with a reading of the ED consensus statement. The meeting minutes from the board meeting in July were briefly reviewed and an agenda for this meeting was created.

It was noted that both the board and community council are seeking new members so everyone is encouraged to extend personal invitations to those they know in the community.

John Meade has solicited applications for the bookkeeper position through the Embodydance community as well as through a listing on Craig's List. He is interviewing selected candidates and will invite his top three choices for final selection at the next Community Council meeting on Monday, January 25. We are aiming to find a candidate who can handle all bookkeeping responsibilities listed on the job description he has created with Ruth including filing all year-end reports such as the IRS Form 990. Beyond qualifying candidates for their bookkeeping experience, he is evaluating them for their personal match with the Embodydance community.

Embodydance is required to hold an official annual meeting around the beginning of each year. The Board recommends that the Community Council meeting scheduled for Monday, February 8 be used for that purpose. Julie Glassmoyer, CC Liaison, will set this up with the CC and arrange that it be announced to the community.

The Board suggests that the wording on the 8-pass dance cards be changed on their next printing as follows: 1) Eliminate any reference to "church" and 2) Design the card such that it can act as a donation receipt (include lines for purchaser's name, amount paid and date) to avoid the necessity for the bookkeeper to issue a separate year-end donation receipt for dance pass purchases. It was also suggested that the moneytaker's job description in the operation manual be modified to encourage purchasers of dance passes to contribute more than the suggested price. Julie will bring this item of business to the CC to be implemented as it works in their schedule.

Julie reported on developments by the CC with plans for Sunday dances. They are proposing maintaining the pay rate of the existing core facilitators and a tiered rate for new and guest facilitators that could be based on attendance at dances. The CC has also been looking into applying for grants supporting increased participation in dance activities. Their aim with the budget is to maintain a reserve in the bank account to cover three months' expenses.

An important focus of their efforts is to bring greater harmony to communications at council meetings, between the different leadership bodies and within the Embodydance community in general. One item of

consideration is to hire a facilitator such as Katharine and Makasha Roske to work on this issue with our community, particularly the leadership team. The Board affirmed the suggestion that facilitators be encouraged to incorporate an exercise to bring participants into the theme of each dance at the opening circle of both Thursday and Sunday dances to encourage a deeper, more connected and spiritual experience of the dance.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:45am. The next quarterly Board meeting was scheduled on Tuesday, April 19 at 9:30am at John's house, 2323 Calle Pava.