

Embodydance Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, May 2, 9:00am, Home of Janet Saxe
Submitted by John Meade, Secretary

In Attendance: Francesca Shradly, John Meade, Dulce Valverde and Julie Glassmoyer.

The meeting was called to order at 9:20am with a recitation of the ED consensus statement followed by these discussions:

Annual Celebration Fundraiser: The Community Council decided to cancel this event due to a couple of coordinators dropping out and a general lack of volunteer support and community enthusiasm. John Meade will confirm payment of the agreed upon fee for the space reservation and inquire about available dates in September & October to reschedule it.

Sunday Dance: Attendance has generally been better over the last several months with some months showing a net financial gain. Nevertheless, an overall annual loss is anticipated due to the usual attendance decline over the summer so Facilitator fees will need to continue at the reduced rate and a fundraising event still seems necessary. The discussion turned to re-visioning Sunday dances with the idea of promoting a more “family focus” to attract greater attendance and Francesca agreed to take the lead on developing this approach. The following elements were mentioned to support this direction: market Sunday dance at the more progressive elementary schools such as Waldorf and Rio Grande, include photos of children at dance and parent testimonials on our website, include a better description on the website of our eclectic music selection, shift the orientation of Sunday’s music to be even more conducive to family participation, and promote the intention of building future community through this focus on family. Francesca will make a proposal to the Community Council for approval to promote the idea to the Embodydance Community through a brainstorming session.

Facilitator Status: Due to Facilitator attrition and upcoming travel plans of our current Facilitators, we anticipate being short-handed through the summer. Though there are a couple of new Facilitators in training, they will not be ready to fulfill these needs for several months. Facilitators are preparing past waves to be played by coordinators, particularly for Sunday dances as needed which will also reduce costs.

Website / Embodydance History: Tracy Juechter has been reviewing Community Council meeting minutes over the years to compile a summary of issues discussed and decisions made as a reference to more effectively approach similar issues arising in the future. Tracy Collins has been asked to write a history of Embodydance to be included on the website.

Emotional Processing: To ease emotional tensions that occasionally impede group discussions, it was proposed to adopt some standard clearing process guidelines used in the Non-Violent Communication and Mankind Project communities.

The next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 9am at the home of Francesca, 120 West Santa Fe Avenue #C. It is planned for one-and-a-half hours. This meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.