

**Embodydance Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 9:00am, Home of Francesca Shradly**  
Submitted by John Meade, Secretary

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:20am followed by these discussions:

**Annual Celebration Fundraiser:** The Community Council is planning a fundraiser to be spearheaded by Samwell at the Railyard Performance Center on Saturday, September 30 and its success depends on who volunteers to make the various possible aspects happen. The date has been reserved with Elise without discussion of any reduction off the \$250 usual weekend evening fee.

**Sunday Dance:** The Community Council voted in early June to pause Sunday Dance for July and August when attendance is weakest. A month's notice was given to Elise but when the council heard that a pause of use (holding the time-slot) would require a payment of 50% of the use fee, it was decided in an ad hoc email discussion that Embodydance would not pay this fee and cancel our commitment to the Sunday time slot.

Hearing this, Guthrie Miller stepped in to continue running Sunday Dance through these months taking financial responsibility for this time slot directly with The Railyard. His intention along with several other community members is to run an "Experimental Sunday Dance" incorporating some alternative formatting in addition to previously played "Embodydance-style" waves to stimulate new interest and reduce costs to come up with a financially viable program. The Community Council has had discussions without coming to a clear agreement with Guthrie regarding liability insurance and use of the Embodydance sound equipment.

The Board recommends that Embodydance hold this Experimental Sunday Program as an "Embodydance sponsored event" presuming it is being managed by Embodydance community members and it is attempting to develop a financially sustainable program for possible adoption by Embodydance. This would entail the following: use of our sound equipment at no cost or financial liability, insurance coverage under our policy, required use of the ED sign-in/liability waiver forms, use of the Embodydance name as an umbrella and regular financial & program reports to the community council for evaluation. This program should however be operated independently of Embodydance on a financial level.

It appears that Embodydance will be realizing a profit now that the financial burden of the standard Sunday program has been eliminated. We understand that one of the goals of the Community Council is to rebuild our financial reserves from the current \$3000 to around \$6000 which should happen in time with the current scenario and faster depending on the results of the fundraiser planned at the end of September. This goal should have some bearing on any decision to resume a commitment to Sunday Dance if and when Guthrie decides to no longer carry this responsibility.

One important clarification to be made is that Guthrie should give Elise a 30-day notice of his intention to discontinue rental of the space and if Embodysdance is wanting to resume renting this time slot, they must make that commitment to her around the same time. This means that for a rental resumption beginning in September, that decision should be made at the beginning of August which does not give much time for re-evaluation. We understand that the Community Council, along with the input from those involved with Experimental Sundays, will continue its re-evaluation of Sundays including day of the week, time and even location (if the Railyard is not available). John Meade is checking with Elise about any available time slots for our consideration.

**New Board Members:** It was agreed that Julie should invite Perston, a younger member of our dance community, to become a member of the board.

**Our Bookkeeper:** Joan Stango has resigned from teaching and has requested referrals for other bookkeeping work.

The next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 10am at the home of John Meade, 2323 Calle Pava off the east end of Rodeo Road, and is planned for one-and-a-half hours. If this date and time are unworkable for any board members, they should offer alternative dates ASAP. This meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.