

**Seattle Dances of Universal Peace  
Planning Meeting  
9/17/25**

**Present:** Phil (convener), Helen (scribe), Hassan, Jennifer, Elizabeth, Ka, John, Martha, Karim (vfP)

**Opening Dance:** “Om Hum So Hum”

**Announcements:**

Karim put together personal Instagram for Pacific NW Sufi and Dance, planning to post inspirational posts and photos. Announcements that have a flier could be posted. He found many DUP groups on Instagram world-wide. We will discuss later the issue of announcements on the private Instagram.

Ka and Phil led a dance in Mt Vernon that was well attended and well received.

Hassan attended Dance in the Forest with Amara and Elizabeth, which went quite well.

Park Dance is coming up on Saturday, 9/20, 4:00 at Meridian Playground.

October 18 plant sale event at 7400 Emmaus Table will include Ka and Karim leading some dances.

October 11 our dance circle leaders at 7400 will be Hassan and Karim.

Friday 9/19 Gina Sala concert will include a dance.

Suquamish and Pt Townsend dances are also this coming weekend.

**Treasurer’s report:**

In October we will receive the insurance bill, usually about \$350. Also first rent at 7400 Woodlawn will be due 10/1 for \$455. No other expected expenses except quarterly \$30 for internet security.

We have \$5117 in our kitty. \$442 is reserved for scholarships.

**7400 Woodlawn Announcements on Website**

Ka suggested dates and times (1:00-3:00) be posted on our website. They will be entered after the Park dances are done.

December dance is likely to be Aramaic Prayer with Phil and Karim.

November dance needs two leaders to volunteer, one week after Vashon. Ka agreed to seek a co-leader.

**Fall Vashon Retreat:**

Registrations: Retreat Center is full, Martha is emailing folks who would be housed in cabins. At least three non-local people expressed interest at WDC.

Contract: Martha confirmed details, all good.

Musician Boshi: Hassan consented, wants to do it like last year. He got a list of interested musicians, and made the list available to dance leaders to make their own

arrangements ahead of time. Might be a few people who come late, or who haven't been signed up, to match at camp.

Sound: confirmed that Mark Basham will bring equipment and set up, and that Jill Habibi will be managing the sound during the retreat. Scholarships for Jill (from Seattle, Portland and Salem) will cover her expenses.

We discussed the future of this position, which has become essential and is quite technical. This year it is covered by scholarships, but might it need to become a paid position in the future? Would the camp generate enough funds to cover it, or would we need to seek help from the Salem and Portland circles? We might want to seek a larger pool of folks who could do the job so it's not dependent on one person. Could we consult with other likely candidates, and recruit from the larger Sufi community, or potentially find someone willing to apprentice?

Program: 15 dance leaders have volunteered, which will be 5 teams of 3 leaders. Elizabeth will sort folks into teams this week. Several suggestions for afternoon presentations are in the works.

Covid protocol: Wilderness Dance Camp asked people to avoid coming if sick and avoid crowds for a week ahead of time. We reviewed our last year's policy. We agreed to eliminate the request for testing, but to keep the other two paragraphs about masks and not coming if symptomatic. We have the option to change policy if there is a major change in incidence before Martha sends out the final confirmation letters.

#### **Future topic:**

Do we want to announce our events on social media? Several initial opinions were expressed. Ka will put out a request to the planning group for some discussion of pros and cons ahead of time.

#### **Next meeting:**

Wednesday, November 19, 4:00 by zoom

Convener: Jennifer, Hassan will be backup

Scribe: Helen

Interim committee: Phil, Jennifer/Hassan, Karim

**Closing Dance:** Kalama