

**Seattle Dances of Universal Peace
Planning Meeting
6/18/2026**

Present:

Hassan (convener), Elizabeth, Marti, Ka, Helen (scribe), Phil Murad, Martha, Jennifer, John, Karim

Opening Dance:

“The Earth is Our Mother”

Brief check-ins:

One thing we each are happy about.

Announcements:

Elizabeth: workshop with Gina Sala and Jamal Rahman on Saturday 6/20

Next park dance 6/27, 4:00.

Sufi dance and potluck, 8/15, 3:30-7:30, in Carnation.

Munajat and Ted have Olympia programs this summer. Two events/month, one indoor and one outdoor. Info at olypeacedances.org, link on our website.

Treasurer's report:

We have \$6100 in the treasury. A few upcoming expenses are expected for the website (domain name renewals etc). There are no large upcoming expenses until October. There is \$742 in the scholarship fund, which should cover fall retreat scholarships.

First park dance report:

Small group of dedicated dancers.

Fall Regional Camp updates:

Fliers were completed and taken to Wilderness Camp; interest was expressed. In July Elizabeth plans to reach out again to dance leaders to send in potential dances.

Online registration form is up on the website. Email announcements have not yet been sent to all previous attendees. Martha and Helen have a learning curve about working with the form and how the info is being recorded.

Gratitude expressed about how inclusive and unique our model is.

Dance that Reconnects proposal:

Munajat presented a proposal and budget. This budget isn't final because the venue hasn't been settled yet. 7400 gave Martha two weekends in April 2027 that are open. Munajat estimated \$1000 for venue. Do we need a backup location as well? Does 7400 have redirection options if they have to close? Martha will continue to be in contact with leadership at 7400 about these questions. But we will select one of the April

dates and sign up for Woodlawn Hall in the meantime. Martha will ask for 12 hours on Saturday (9am-9pm) and set-up time on Friday. 4/24/27, which is close to Earth Day, would be ideal; 4/17 would be second choice, and 5/8 is third choice. Note: fall indoor dances also need to be scheduled soon, likely the second Saturday every month.

Other budget details: Mileage is figured as twice gas cost. No honoraria will be calculated until after the event. Tech costs could be expensive if we need to purchase or rent equipment that doesn't get urban signal interference. Munajat will be contacting folks who have tech expertise for advice and/or loaned equipment.

Depending on how many people come, there might be a surplus or a deficit. The request is for the Seattle Circle to be financial sponsor, gain or loss. We have sufficient money in the treasury to cover the event. Munajat will continue to work with Martha/Helen about budgetary details which will develop over time.

Proposal that we agree to be financial and logistical sponsors for the event was passed unanimously.

Subcommittee to figure out details: Martha and Helen with Munajat as main liaison with the DTR team.

Feasibility of Saturday night dance meeting after DTR:

In Salem the DTR had 40 people. 15 left at end of day. 15 from community came just for the evening dance. It felt good to close with continued dancing on the same theme.

What time is needed and who will take down the workshop materials? Cleanup involves packing instruments and displays. It should take an hour or less, especially if lingering people are available to help. If the program closes at 5, there would still be time for dinner, with the dance starting at 7:00 or maybe 7:30. The workshop would need to start at 9am, with set-up the day before, for this to work.

It could be an opportunity to pull in new dancers who were attracted to the workshop. Hassan, Jennifer and Phil are willing to lead. Visiting leaders and/or young leaders could be integrated. Hassan and Phil are available for music coordination.

Part of the vision is connecting to more Work that Reconnects people who haven't danced before, which started to happen in Salem. Dances are spreading through the Eco-village networks, and now potentially through the Joanna Macy work.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 8/19 at 7:00pm by zoom

Convener: Martha

Scribe: Helen

Interim Committee: Hassan, Karim, Martha

Closing Dance: "Roll, Mabon, Roll"