

Seattle Dances of Universal Peace
Planning Meeting
8/19/26

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

Opening Dance:
"Allah in 4 Directions"

Announcements

Park dance on Sunday 8/22.

Carnation dance/picnic was well attended, with good participation.

Treasurer's Report:

Vashon deposits coming in, plus some cash and Paypal deposits still to be deposited in the bank. We have \$6150 available for upcoming expenses, with \$742 allocated to the scholarship fund. We will need funds for renting our indoor venue and for insurance in October.

2026 Vashon Retreat Update

The online form is working well, with most people using it. Retreat center is full. We have 45 official signups, with another 10 part-timers. Many more signups are expected.

Leadership report: A letter was sent to all possible leaders asking for what dance they might want to lead. Elizabeth got replies from about half. Because of our desire for more flow and a more unifying theme, the thought was to start with desired dances and group by dances. But in fact this made it way more complicated to organize. Elizabeth doesn't plan to call those who didn't respond, who will simply be assigned to a likely group. In the future, she would prefer to just balance groups of leaders according to experience and geographical area, and then ask each group to develop an assigned part of the theme.

Fall, Winter & Spring Dances indoors

Emmaus Table/7400 Woodlawn is looking for someone to buy the building by June 2027. We can still rent until the end April, at \$40 per hour, or \$120 for three hours. Last year we rented from 12:15 to 3:15pm, and danced 1:00 - 3pm. We reviewed the available dates at the same timeframe:

OCT – 10/10 - Dance 1:00 - 3pm.

NOV – 11/6-8 = Vashon Retreat.

After a lengthy discussion we decided to skip a November Seattle dance, as no good alternatives were available at 7400 Woodlawn.

DEC – 12/12 or 12/19 - Aramaic Lord's Prayer. We will choose the date not taken by the annual Mevlevi Sema. We will request rental from 12:00 to 3:30 so there is a little

more time to set up and clean up. We would dance from 1:00-3:00pm. NOTE: The Sema is scheduled for December 12-13, so the Aramaic Lord's Prayer will be held on Saturday, December 21.

JAN –Global Peace Dance. Ka is no longer willing to organize a Global Peace Dance. There is a remote possibility Karim and Barak would like to do this, but they couldn't confirm until late September. We can tentatively reserve Fri 1/1 from 10:30am - 3:30pm, dancing from noon to 3:00pm. We pay Oct 1 for Oct-Dec, so there is time to cancel or send payment once we know what will be needed.

Sat 1/9 1:00-3:00

FEB - Sat 2/13 1:00-3:00

MARCH - Sat 3/13 1:00-3:00

APRIL - Sat 4/10 1:00-3:00

Sat 4/23-24 is held for Dance That Reconnects. 7400 Woodlawn has agreed to rent the smaller upper room only by the hour of use, and the main hall for the remainder. Registration can be figured once we have the final costs from 7400.

Scheduling of Aramaic Lord's Prayer at CSL Church at Greenlake:

Martha has continued to inquire.

Chandra Devi plans to bring Rama to future dances and wants to know if some of us are willing to "twin" with Rama during partner dances. Helen and Karim volunteered.

Next Meeting

Date and time: 9/16 3:00-4:30 by zoom.

Convener: Phil

Scribe: Helen

Interim committee: Martha, Phil, Karim

Closing Dance—"Olam Chesed Yibone"