Seattle Dances of Universal Peace
Planning Meeting
9/16/2026

Present:

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

Opening Dance:

"Armite, Anahita, Atar, Vayu" and poem by St Francis

Announcements:

Final Park Dance will be Saturday 9/19 at 4:00pm.

Tuesday 2pm-8pm in honor of International Day of Peace, there will be a zoom presentation by DUPNA. Ka leads around 7:00 about Dance That Reconnects.

Successful Dance That Reconnects event was just held in Bend.

Sunday 9/27 3:00-5:00 there will be a dance in Mt Vernon.

DUPNA is looking for a web designer. Project has a budget. Contact Karim for details.

12/19 1:00-3:00 Aramaic Prayer at 7400 Woodlawn.

Elizabeth will lead a dance at Gina Sala's equinox concert Friday 9/18.

Treasurer's Report:

We have $6205 in treasury, of which $742 is earmarked for scholarships.

We received this year's insurance policy. Additional coverage as an employer was added by mistake, and is now deleted. Our total will be $360.

Two months rent at 7400 Woodlawn will be coming due when the contract is signed next week.

Vashon Retreat:

Registration: 57 folks are registered. Martha is emailing 30 others who have come in the past. We will cap at 85. Dance room was too crowded last year with closer to 90 attendees. Jill Habibi has run sound system in past years, with a scholarship. She has a recent injury that may interfere with her ability to run the sound. Elizabeth will consult with other leaders about back-up sound options.

Program: meeting of team leaders is scheduled Monday 9/21at 4:00pm. Agenda will be how to handle musicians and how to design the program. Overall theme is "Deeper into the heart of love: peace love and joy in community". Each session has a mini-theme.

Indoor Winter dances:

Venue: 7400 Woodlawn is available through next spring . Martha will clarify exact rental amounts and sign contract next week.

Fall/Winter Schedule:

October 10, 1-3pm (12:15-3:15 rental): Hassan and Elizabeth will lead, Karim will do one dance

No November Seattle dance

December 19, 1:00-3:00 Aramaic Lord's Prayer (Phil and Karim)

Global Peace Dance—no one so far has volunteered to organize it. Karim has interest, but many other obligations. Ka will approach some non-leaders with organizational skills.

Jan 9—Phil (tentative)

Feb 13--Jennifer

March 13--Karim

April 10—Phil

Dance That Reconnects—scheduled 4/23-24. Ka reports Bend event came off well, with 15 participants.

Aramaic Prayer at CSL:

John and Martha talked with a CSL organizer who agreed to promote the idea, possibly before a new minister is installed, or next spring. We would only be willing to do it when CSL members are already present, ie Sunday after services.

Check-ins

Next meeting:

Date: 10/14/2026, 3:00-4:30 by zoom

Convener: John

Scribe: Helen

Interim Committee: Phil, Hassan, John

Closing:

"Where Do You Seek Me?"