

DCNW Board Minutes - March 27, 2019 - 5pm

Present:

Sheri Garzelli - Facilitator
Jon Mark
Oblio Z Stroyman
Nala Walla
Kevin Haggerty
Sherry Hoffman - Board Communications Liaison

Absent:

V (medical procedures)
Saffire (working)

Proposed Items for Agenda for 3/27 Meeting

- 1) Separation of Board and Operations - oversight and recruitment still needed
- 2) Registration update
- 3) Report from Programming (Oblio)
- 4) Need for fundraising -- AmazonSmiles
- 5) Update on collaboration with Ari and Fusion Weekend with Dance Camp Northwest
 - Potential contract review
- 6) Dates for 2020 DCNW - 3 Options
- 7) CCG addressing Key Work Exchange positions

We had severe technical issues with Zoom and didn't start until 5:30. We did some brief checking in.

Sheri solicited input for contract with Ari. Then she brought up how hard it is for us to agree on the same time to meet. Kevin brought up that not everyone has to come and we can get a quorum. He suggested more frequent meetings.

Sheri noted it is a transition time as we pull back from operations. She wanted to acknowledge she is not a great candidate for CCG and it's hard to recruit others, and yet she is good at many things. Sheri said it would be great to do somethings online like on email and yet it's been hard to get people's response.

As far as the proposed collaboration, Sheri said it's not that complicated as we are only overlapping one day with Ari. And she has talked with Ari.

Nala brought up maybe we could see a document and review it. Sherry and Kevin said yes working on a group document had worked well in the past. Kevin said that would be better than working on group emails.

Sheri said by Saturday morning she will write up the draft that she shared with Ari and the group can review/add/edit to this document. Looking for areas she hasn't thought of.

Sheri brought up how we can separate operations and the board. Nala gave Kitchen Update. Bruce and Hannah work well together, and they have all agreed to come back. Also James Schaberg would be kitchen committee lead working with Nala as she is the liaison to the Board. Decided most of his function is pre-camp, so that if he has to leave because of smoke again this year that it's not ideal, but acceptable. Bruce is open to working with Ari at this point.

Everyone knows there is no agreement yet and we are exploring the collaboration with Ari. James and Ari know each other through the fusion community.

Sheri G brought up dates for 2020. V had let us know that her request was to move Camp to July and to begin on a Saturday and end on a Sunday. We need to give Fort Flagler three options.

Nala said we should research other offerings we should steer clear of so we won't compete. Nala offered to ask her friend who's a fire season expert when it's peak season. In a recent letter, Fort Flagler didn't offer help last years in terms of a cancellation policy. Sheri has asked them for clarification around cancellation and refund policy and as fire seasons get worse how could they potentially work with us.

Sheri G read V's input: V votes for camp to move to July and run from a Saturday to a Sunday. Not sure this year's shorter camp is going to work out in the long run financially. V also reiterated her request that CCG figure out the draft for the Ari proposal numbers and contract and then pass on to her for financial review before committing. We have sold first ticket at moderate income price, a good sign of honesty. Missing from the Work X link are the key positions: at Camp Registration Coordinator as well as Pre and At Camp Community Service Coordinators. Brooke Hatch would be a good person to write the At Camp Registration job description, she kicked ass last year in the role, and Katrina Koleto might have descriptions for the two Community Service Coordinating positions. There were mixed reviews as to the performance of the two people that held these positions last year.

Sherry checked quickly to make sure Singing Alive doesn't conflict with us this year. It's August 16-19th. Sheri also said people can create a half camp themselves by how they purchase their tickets.

Had a broad discussion around trying to find a better times when the most of us can, acknowledging some are early birds and some are late nighters. We will have meetings at different times to accommodate everyone.

Sheri expressed excitement that ticket link is up and tickets are on sale. Acknowledged all the hard work Bruce H and V did on making this happen.

Sheri said that with Bruce C overseeing Programming we are looking at fewer teachers with possible shorter camp so they can go deeper. Good communication between Programming and Board with Oblio as the Board liaison. Bruce has recruited Duta to be on the committee.

Oblio appreciated Bruce Carloye's communication. Sheri Garzelli has also been helping. Oblio excited about receptivity to more spaciousness in the schedule. Cautioned to be careful about invitations and advised offering no guarantees.

Oblio and Sherry wanted clarification on Zone Zero. Nala said was a workshop she taught 6-8 years ago. Bruce Carloye had attended one and asked Nala when she was going to do another one like this. The focus on Zone Zero makes sense and trusts Bruce's idea that it could enhance the vibe and curriculum. Nala acknowledged he is nudging her and she wants to bring material into a place that is fresh and alive. Also wanting to figure out how to do that, maybe de-emphasize Board work if she is going to teach.

Zone Zero is a permaculture term per Nala. When she was studying improv, she noticed they shared some guiding principles. She started to view both the body and our culture at large as ecological processes. She explored in workshopping and in Master's programs. Focused on creating zones in a way that makes sense with your life. Zone 0 being the body, a way of saying somatic and embodiment are important and basis of any smart design...landscaping or social. Bring this philosophy into camp as a whole, cultivating and enriching these zones for yourself.

Oblio said Bruce is excited to have a Zegg Forum at Camp. Oblio described it as a witnessing circle, with the concept that if something is affecting one person in the community it is affecting all members of community. Gets stuff out there and is relatable to others in group. Would address the underlying stuff like gossip by getting it out in the open. Sherry asked how it was compared to Small Group. Oblio wasn't sure if it would be instead of or in addition to. Nala said it addresses more camp-wide activities to give witness to everyone. Oblio brings it to the Board to see how it feels. Nala said she is very supportive of and would want facilitators to be dancer folk.

Kevin asked is Zegg controversial...like Landmark forum. Oblio said absolutely not and described as: Witnessed conflict and witness absorbing. Super different than regular sharing circle as there is movement happening. There is also facilitation.

Nala said in light of all the changes maybe this is more than just Dance Camp. Jon said he agrees and wondered how that would affect people who just want to Dance? Sherry said maybe a more Immersive/Immersion experience. Kevin said we are honing it, not a grave departure.

Maybe a subtitle, not the same old program. He said Deepening the experience. Nala said Immersion into Village might describe it. Sheri said we are working on playing up the family, adding the teen program and wondered aloud how to attract more families.

Sheri G said poster and postcards are ready!! Sheri said an AmazonSmiles account for fundraising. Not advocating you shop at Amazon. If you are going to Amazon anyway, go through this link so we can get money. Sheri will work with Beth on marketing this option. Sherry will also work with Sheri & Beth on some marketing ideas.

Jon said we have a new business relationship with Umpqua Bank and officially Jon Elizondo, Brian Firfer and Cherie Lee are on the papers as Dance Collective Northwest.

Oblio offered to help Sheri with Zoom issues.

Sherry asked about setting 2020 dates and Sheri G said we will vote online somehow.

Sheri G will send a Doodle poll to set time for next DCNW meeting!