

## DCNW Board Minutes - August 9 , 2019 - 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Present:

Sheri Garzelli  
Jon Mark - Facilitator  
Kevin Haggerty  
Saffire Bouchelion  
Sherry Hoffman - Board Communications Liaison

### ***Next Meeting Thursday, August 15th 10 - Noon***

We started with Kevin doing a grounding exercise for the group.

Proposed next meeting time is next Thursday 10 - noon.

Jon asked for another Peace Council lead, preferably not a cis male.  
Sherry brought up Dylan and Sheri messaged them and they replied positively  
Interested in being a part of PC. Jon will follow-up with Dylan.

Sheri said that she will contact all the folks who applied for work exchange folks but were not accepted in order to see if we can try to get them to Camp, even at a reduced rate.

Teachers were asked to pay \$45 a day and then Sheri saw another document that said we need \$30 a day from campers at bare minimum. Jon said we are really shooting for \$200 which is what we offered for the Bring a Buddy offering to attract more people.  
Jon said we have released one of the camping sites and we may have to let go of the second dorm. Sheri said we have one dorm for Sunday night and our two dorm status starts on Monday.

Jon thanked Saffire for his contributions to the fundraiser.

Jon asked about the consent orientation documents and he said he would like for each teacher to be greeted in order to give them a face to face check-in and make sure they have read the consent orientation documents. We think those documents may have lived with Jessica or V. Sheri said perhaps we task it to one of those work exchange people and review it and Jon said he wants to do some orientation in person.  
Kevin offered to review the consent survey and make it into something useful.

Jon asked about someone doing a video about consent. Sherry floated the idea of having Carey French do it as the consent authority in our community. Sheri will check with them and if they aren't available Saffire offered to be available to do it on Wednesday. Sheri said she will be responsible for finding the consent documentation.

Dylan messaged Sheri and they are interested in being Peace Council. Yay!

Sheri & Jon will look at camp supplies in storage for Sunday. Jon will be asking work exchange and leadership to help with paperwork, especially evaluations. So they will check on that and print more if needed.

Jon brought up future thing for the Board. Be on the lookout for people who might be good Camp Coordinators. Jon is stepping away for 2020. He said Renna Fir is interested in that role. Jon said he thinks the ideal number of coordinators to really be effective is 4. Jon will be recruiting at camp for CCG. Jon is talking about creating a directory, a way of acknowledging and announcing who are on all the different crews. Also be nice to have photos and bios on what is special or interesting about each individual.

And about the opening, the intention is to not be long or complicated. Jon suggested making a dance, bring each crew into dance in the middle. Kevin said let's make it a circle and not a stage arena. Sheri inquired about the purpose of having this opening. Jon wants it to be more participatory. Sherry said that being in circle builds connection and positive energy and we can do it in a way to have people exchanging thoughts and ideas. She said this will help us build the container and launch camp energetically in a good way. Jon would like to do something at the beginning like Aimee did last year at the end. Let's dance, sing, stomp - whatever let's be together.

Saffire agreed with Sherry & Jon and shared what came through and he envisioned everyone inhaling and exhaling together to acknowledge us and everyone says why they are at camp.

Sheri clarified that Jon is taking oversight over the opening and Saffire will be helping create. We can ask Nala to do the land acknowledgement. Let's bring back Saffire's song. Kevin brought up the daily meeting.....to be called the Day Map instead of being called the Community Gathering on the schedule. Why that is more attractive is because it seems like something that will help people get where they want to be and

orient themselves in a way that is engaging and narrative as a journey. Kevin agreed to revision and lead it.

Encourage teachers and facilitators to come with their offering and tell people what their passion is in their class at the Day Map time. Good reasons for everyone to come.

Jon suggested we do announcements at lunch when most people show up, desiring the most people to hear these important things. Kevin suggested a cue like a drum or whistle to get people's attention both inside and outside. Saffire said we can seed this at opening circle so people know what that sound is. Sherry supported Kevin being our "town crier" as a way to get our announcements out. Kevin said it could be a penetrative and pleasant sound and we brainstormed on what instruments. Kevin asked that Day Map be put on the schedule.

We need someone to close. And perhaps they could work with Xanne to offer an amazing closing. Kevin suggested that whoever be paired with Xanne be grounded to complement their playfulness. Jon said it could be any of the board members.

We discussed maybe needing a printer and Jon will see if he can bring it. Sheri asked if he had a DVD drive, and he has an external drive. Sheri wanted it for YPP to be able to show movies during the week.

Kevin had a query about an orphan small group and suggested he could announce at Day Map. Sheri said one of work exchange positions is responsible for organizing small groups and Jon said they should work with CCG to not repeat mistakes of the past. This person will be Emily Buffi. Kevin will facilitate the orphan group. Jon suggested that small group leaders be trained in the future. Jon will be the second leader if there needs to be a second orphan group leader. Kevin added it would be nice to have some nonbinary folx leading as well. Also be great to have some folx that will be there all week that could be good leaders to provide continuity. Kevin spoke to orphan wisdom and we all have it in us and we all know what it's like to need an open door waiting for us.

Sherry inquired about our chef and food situation. Sheri said it's hard to get numbers to Bruce. Seems like Nala and James are on top of it. We need someone to reach out to grocery stores and Theo's (for chocolate) for donation and we absolutely need to get everyone to register.

Jon made the long-range recommendation for our camp to have a Registrar instead of having Brown Paper Tickets and have people pay through PayPal. The Registrar would be the depository for all information.

Jon said we are recruiting at least 4 people to be on the final Sunday dining room team. Sherry suggested that it be the possible work exchange people that Sheri is contacting to offer possibilities.

Jon put prayers out for safety of planet, less fires, no sickness and complete health and nourishment of all our participants in DCNW.

Sherry brought up the DCNW's website broken links regarding references to 2018 on the website, especially the registration links and For Locals. Sheri said Renna has been working on it and also Beth Moon. Sherry said let's update that For Locals somehow. Jon said let's do sliding scale for a day rate of \$45 - \$90. Sheri agreed to update that For Locals page.

Jon brought up financial responsibility of camp and said it falls on the shoulders of the board. That's the legal answer. The energetic answer is....we are a Dance Collective and that means all of us. We have done three fundraisers. Jon welcomed ideas. Jon's dance fundraiser brought in \$519....woohoo! Jon got us two official sponsors. The Community Network originated by Brian Firfer. And Free Form Dance Dance. The biggest anonymous donor was for \$2500 and there are others. The final from last fundraiser for \$282. Jon plans to do an ask to Michael from OmCulture. Sherry brought up that Scot Robinson is coming and bringing Carol and has publicly announced and that may attract more folx.

Jon has been hanging out after Mary's dance and talking to new people about dance camp and has brought at least two people in. We hope some of Oblio's peeps are coming to camp as well.

Dance Ambassador program is not coming to camp and Ryuta can be a part of bridging part of that energy with PC. Laura has stepped down and is not coming to Camp. Are there any trained Dance Ambassadors coming who would be willing to work with Peace Council? This would help the teachers not having to do that labor at their own dance/workshop. Kevin said that DAs can be an advocate and mouthpiece for a dancer at camp to get them over to PC.

Jon said other groups are experiencing what we are -- burnout, last minute registration, and so on. We don't live in a vacuum and things that are happening in the world are affecting us. Jon thanked us for all the work that we each are doing.

Jon, Sherry & Kevin ended the meeting discussing a confidential Peace Council issue and made plans for moving forward with resolution strategies.

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