

Guild of Oriental Dance Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2009, called to order at 10:10

Meeting Location: Jawaahir Dance Co. Building, 1940 Hennepin Ave So. Mpls.

Attending Officers:

Linda Brown – 1st Chair
Deb Brazil - 2nd Chair
Kathy McCurdy - Treasurer
Leslie Kennedy - Secretary
Kristine Paul - Membership
Jesse McPhee - Webmaster
Michele Gullickson Moore - Communications

Attending Members:

Klee Burke

Next Meeting: January 17 Sunday, 2010 at 10AM, Jawaahir Building Lobby

Acceptance of Past Minutes: The September 2009 Meeting Minutes - Approved.

Introductions – new officers and current officers

Officer Reports

First Chair:

- Welcome to Jesse McPhee the new webmaster and Michele Gullickson Moore stepping in to the communications role.
- We had enthusiasm with multiple people expressing interest in these positions.
- The Guild has a phone committee to help communicate events to those without emails.
- With formal unanimous vote the Guild board approved a Guild of Oriental Dance Fan / Friends list be posted on Facebook. Linda will initiate the Facebook account. This is in addition to the newsletter, emails, website, calendar and special mailings.

Second Chair:

- Now that we have implemented the online portfolio please feel free to utilize this tool to find performers for hire – you no longer need to contact the 2nd chair
- There have been no complaints.
- There were no phone inquires.

Treasurer:

- The Jan 2009 audit report will be presented and reviewed at the next meeting, Jan 17 2010.
- The financial report:

Treasurer's Report
As of November 8, 2009

Income:

Memberships	<u>\$ 212.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 212.00

Expenses:

Linda Brown - DVD&Newsletter postage	\$ 28.61
Checks In The Mail	\$ 20.40
E/B Productions – Annual Show	<u>\$144.00</u>
 Total Expenses	 \$193.01

Previous balance	\$2224.60
+ Income	+\$212.00
- Expenses	<u>-\$193.01</u>
 Current balance	 \$2243.59

Secretary:

- The secretary stepped in to help out with the transition of the communications officer role to Michele Gullickson Moore.

Communications Chair:

- Reminder of the dates communication emails will come out, the 1st and 15th of the month (or before)
- Michele says Hi and happy to be here to the membership. Watch emails coming from Michele or from the Guild yahoo account. (GuildofOrientalDance@yahoo.com).

Membership Officer:

- Member count: 253, 1 new
- Reminder for dues – renewals start in December for the membership year Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2010 (\$24). There is no prorating for returning members. Notes: 1). Members between August and January and their membership free for a few months. 2). Any member joining between Aug – Dec 2009 has had their membership extended until December 2010.

Newsletter Editor:

- A formal vote was made and unanimously passed an on-Line newsletter tool has been presented to the Guild board and for a small service fee the newsletter can be sent electronically in a professional format without the additional work of other officers to change the file type to pdf before submitting to the membership. This should free up a lot of time it has been taking to compile the newsletter and free up the other resources on the officer board as well. This on-line resource may find other uses for the information dissemination as well.

Webmaster:

- Updates to the site look have been made
- Performer site
- Teacher page expansion
- Jesse wants everyone to know that new ideas are welcome – let her know

Committee Reports and Wrap-up:

Festival reports-

October Festival at the Mediterranean Cruise Cafe had 18 dancers.

“Wages, Rates and Party Guidelines Committee” – collect data phase.

Chair: Melanie Meyer; Members: Mirah Ammal, Angela Polk and others. Professional dancers are welcome to email Melanie your input for the wages, rates and party guidelines you experience. There have been troupe rates, restaurant troupe rates, party rates, and more already submitted.

- A reminder about the Guild Wages for Performers was printed in the September Guild of Oriental Dance Newsletter on page 3 and a nice reminder letter was sent to the restaurant owners with the current rates and policies:

<http://www.guildoforientaldance.org/newslettersminutes/newsletter0909.pdf>

Upcoming festivals:

Remaining 2009 Guild Festivals: Dec 5, JDC, 7pm (guildfestival@yahoo.com) – looking for dancers and audience.

Proposed 2010 Guild Festivals – locations not yet confirmed:

Sun., Jan 10 – Beirut Restaurant 6:30
Sat., Feb 13 – JDC (7pm-
Sat., Mar 13 – JDC (7pm-
Sat., Apr 10 – JDC (7pm-
Sun., May 9 – Ansaris (tentative) (6:30pm -
Sat., Jun 12 – JDC (7pm-
Sun., July 11 – Shiraz (tentative) (6:30pm -
Sat., Aug 14 – JDC (7pm-

Sat., Sep 11 – JDC (7pm-
Sun., Oct 10 – Mediterranean Cruise (tentative) (6:30pm -
Sat., Nov 13 – JDC (7pm-
Sat., Dec 11 – JDC (7pm-

Old Business

- Online Payments Status report – There is enough information available to implement and Klee Burke will work the Treasurer and Webmaster to set up the on-line payment link button.
- A location for the Guild Annual Show 2010 show is being determined. Mark your calendar for April 17, 18, 24, and 25, 2008
- By-Laws review, committee to review gaps. At this meeting Stipends/payments were combined with this review.

New Business

- NON-PROFIT STATUS: 501.3c and other non-profit status is being evaluated and details will be provided to the board to determine the “private vs. non-profit” status of the Guild.
- PERFORMERS PAGE: The Guild Website performer’s page has been re-designed for a sort/option. If you need updates and to add something, the instructions are available as a link on the Guild website performers for hire page.
- PARTY PLANNER: We are looking for a planner however there was discussion to move it to the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington because of better parking and other cost advantages. More details will be available on the calendar and through the Guild emails.
- TEACHERS VOICE: A teacher’s bulletin board on the Guild website, to post classes and special announcements is being reviewed by the webmaster.
- Announce photo-shoot event for 2010 and find coordinator and welcome input for improvements from 2009’s event.
- New Committee Proposals for discussion and motions: Motion and vote needed to add an Events and Seminar Planning Committee. Once back from vote a Chair person appointment via Robert Rules.
- The idea of an Annual membership meeting was discussed

Current events being developed and/or scheduled are:

- An inquiry for Photo Op – future (Michael Baxter)
- Business and Marketing for Emerging Performers (Mirah Ammal)
- Mentoring Committee Chair (establish and selecting chair pending).
- Standing New Member Committee - Revitalizing (Requires a Chair person Appointment).

(Seminar and event brainstorming ideas carried forward: More ideas and Input is welcomed.)

Potential Guild Sponsored events:

- Guild hafla-festival, potluck w/Middle Eastern Cuisine Buffet
- Beading
- Dance Bra Construction

- Youtube introduction
- Free websites with Google (better than nothing)
- Media Techie time (these days having an online presence is important on the web, flyers, and other mediums: maybe Linda, Jennifer, Theresa J. and others willing could set up time for people to just ask questions about techie stuff, not saying we know all the answers).
- Editing Music (free software)
- Editing Video for YouTube
- Using Windows Movie Maker to edit video/photos