

Dances of Universal Peace International

**Minutes - Board of Directors**

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

**at 19.00 UTC**

**Board Members Present:** Darvesha Victoria MacDonald (chair), Arjun Jorge Calero, Khabir Christian Mayer-Glauninger; Munira Elizabeth Reed; Dakini Maris Warrior; Nurana Naomi Wilansky; Ginny Rukmini Miller

**Staff Present:** Edmund Aziz Dixon (Executive Director), Martha Bracken (Office Assistant)

*Toward the One,  
the Perfection of Love, Harmony and Beauty, the Only Being;  
United with all the Illuminated Souls who form the Embodiment of the Master,  
the Spirit of Guidance.*

**1. Minutes of the Board Meeting held January 29**

Dakini moved acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Arjun, approved unanimously.

**2. 2018 Financial Reports: to end of March 2019**

Comments:

- no invoice from Bruce is included in these figures, but our website costs for the year to date are within budget
- our revenue is well up: we are up to date with collecting fees from regions, and this is showing in the figures – big thank you to Martha
- balance sheet accounts receivables: we have just invoiced for UK, New Zealand and Swiss regions.

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**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

Key Bank checking 23,074.19

**Key Bank Money Market**

Initiative Funds 14,118.95

Key Bank Money Market - Other 568.64

**Total Key Bank Money Market 14,687.59**

UrbanPartnershipBank MoneyMarkt 22,843.67

**Total Checking/Savings 60,605.45**

**Accounts Receivable**

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**Total Current Assets 65,174.45**

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**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

**Other Current Liabilities**

Payroll Liabilities 215.49

**Total Other Current Liabilities 215.49**

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**Equity**

**Fund Balances**

Prior Years Unrestricted Funds 40,999.40

**Total Fund Balances 40,999.40**

Unrestricted Net Assets 21,672.53

Net Income 2,287.03

**Total Equity 64,958.96**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**65,174.45**

**Dances of Universal Peace International**  
**January to March 2019**  
**Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds**

	<u>Jan - Mar 2019</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>	% budget ytd
<b>Sources of Funds</b>			
<b>Investments</b>			
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	1.73	50.00	
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>1.73</u>	<u>50.00</u>	3%
<b>Revenue - Current Year</b>			
Donations	977.52	2900.00	33.71%
Donations - Beyond Initiative	432.00	1900.00	22.74%
Legacy Bequests	0.00	0.00	
LG Fees - Regions	9,236.11	29,000	31.85%
LG Fees - World Wide Region	1,569.40	5500.00	28.53%
LG fee support			
Royalty	0.00	0.00	
Sales	0.00	100.00	
<b>Total Revenue - Current Year</b>	<u>12,215.03</u>	<u>39,400.00</u>	31.00%
<b>Revenue Prior Yr</b>			
Fee support			
Guidance Council			
Initiatives project	1,659.93	6,300.00	26.35%
<b>Total Revenue Prior Year</b>	<u>1,659.93</u>	<u>6,300.00</u>	
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	<u>13,876.69</u>	<u>45,750.00</u>	30.33%

**Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds**

	<u>Jan - Mar 2019</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>	% budget ytd
<b>Uses of Funds</b>			
<b>Accounting</b>			
QuickBooks payroll service	550.50	550.00	
<b>Total Accounting</b>	<u>550.50</u>	<u>550.00</u>	100.09%
<b>Contract Labor</b>			
Community Coordinator			
Executive Director	3,249.99	13,000.00	
Guidance Council Chair	1,625.00	6,500.00	
Outside Contract Services	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Contract Labor</b>	<u>4,874.99</u>	<u>19,500.00</u>	25.00%
<b>Employee wages</b>			
Office Assistant	1,812.51	7,250.00	
<b>Total Employee wages</b>	<u>1,812.51</u>	<u>7,250.00</u>	25.00%
<b>IN Website Construction</b>			
Technical Designer	0.00	4,250.00	0.00%
<b>Total IN Website Construction</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,250.00</u>	
<b>Office Expenses</b>			
Equipment		100.00	
Internet Services	432.00	1,900.00	
Office Supplies and fees	158.95	500.00	
Payroll Expenses	151.78	700.00	
Postage	122.74	100.00	
Telephone	498.00	2,000.00	
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<u>1,363.47</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>	25.73%
<b>LG fee support</b>			
<b>Project Budgets</b>			
Guidance Council	0.00	1,200.00	0.00%
Initiative Expenses	1,659.93	6,300.00	26.35%
Translation Projects		200.00	
z-Contingency Fund	0.00	1,099.00	
<b>Total Project Budgets</b>	<u>1,659.93</u>	<u>8,799.00</u>	18.86%
<b>Royalty Expenses</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>101.00</u>	
<b>Total Uses of Funds</b>	<u>10,261.40</u>	<u>45,750.00</u>	22.43%
<b>Net Sources and Uses of Funds</b>	<u><u>3,615.29</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	

### 3. Initiatives project

Since the January report to the Board, we held a video conference on the Beyond initiative on February 13, attended by about 40 people. A new [web page](#) has been set up for the project, and this is now also available in [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#). This has registration details for the 2019 Turkey caravan events, and contact details for other caravan events. Details were sent in English to all dance leaders in a [newsletter](#).

Crowd-funding donations for the project have reached \$790, and further sponsored attendance at UK and Russian dance camps has been obtained. Total sponsorship offered in 2019 amounts to \$3,380 approx.

Arjun is selecting from applicants from Africa and Asia for the next phase of the project.

A memorandum of understanding has now been signed with Global Ecovillage Network, addressing the Beyond Initiative.

### 4. Executive Director's report since the January 2019 meeting:

#### LG fee collection

Martha continues to be busy keeping fee collection up to date; the number of recurrent payments via Paypal continues to rise.

#### Dance resources

We continue to add walks, spins and other dance write-ups to the dance resource library. 23 have been added or edited so far this year. The explanation about how to access these has been simplified.

A [newsletter](#) has been sent out for the Beyond project (see above).

Web site: the page on the [history of the dances](#) is being translated into other languages.

#### Pen pals

Following interest sparked by the Beyond project, we are trialing a pen pal scheme, which will be announced in a newsletter:

#### ***Dance leaders – pen pals***

*The Leaders Guild is already a large family, with over 1000 mentored dance leaders, speaking more than a dozen languages, and spread across nearly 40 countries.*

*Now the [Beyond initiative](#) is set to bring the dances to further diverse areas in Africa and Asia.*

*It can be a wonderful experience to dance in a large circle with many nationalities and languages, to find our common ground in the legacy of Murshid SAM even when we may not have a common language with our neighbors. We may only rarely be able to travel, but we can connect in other ways heart to heart – by email, using [skype](#) or [zoom](#).*

*Now some dance leaders are finding that they would like to build long distance connections with leaders and circles in other parts of the world, to share experiences, for example between California and Bosnia, and between cultural traditions.*

*We would like to facilitate such contacts, and NurAna Wilansky has kindly offered to co-ordinate such requests for 'pen pals'.*

*Possibilities for sponsorship might arise, between individuals or between dance circles, but the contact need not have a financial aspect. You may be looking to connect within your country, if distances are considerable, or be open to any opportunities, or be looking for a more specific dialogue. The established Leaders Guild [Agreements](#) will apply to these contacts.*

***Is this for you?***

*You will be interested in developing and maintaining a contact over a sustained period of time, and we would like to hear from you maybe once or twice a year to share information in a newsletter.*

*If this appeals to you, please contact Nur Ana [here](#), with a brief context note of your situation and the type of contact you are seeking, and Nur Ana will try to match you to another dance leader with similar interests.*

Thank you to Nur Ana for being available to co-ordinate this project.

**5. DUP IN and DUP NA**

Last summer we had a useful opportunity to clarify and confirm our respective organizational roles. We would now like to build on this, and Aziz is planning regular tele-meetings with Majida Pazereckas, NA President.

**6. Guidance Council:** no report at this meeting.

**7. Dates of future BoD meetings (2019):**

Dates for Board meetings and the Annual meeting are to follow.

- **Sept 10 – 2 hours earlier than usual, = 10.00am in Seattle**
- **November 19**

Meetings are **usually** at **20.00 UTC** November 5 to March 12, and **19.00 UTC** March to November ie at noon Seattle time throughout, unless arranged otherwise.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.15 UTC.