

# Jamaeraw School of the Arts

## Annual General Meeting

Date: 13th February, 2012      Time: 7pm

Venue: Music room, Willunga Waldorf School

Present: Albert Jamae, Ambrae Jamae, Sharon Thompson, Tori Piper, Birgit Hynes

Apologies: Scott Piper, Birgitt Olssen

Chairperson's Report: Albert Jamae

This has been a year of many positive changes. One of these has been the change of venue to Willunga Waldorf School. This has been a great performance and practice space for our students as well as being a much more financially viable option for our school.

Our core team of Albert and Ambrae as creative visionaries, and Sharon and Tori as our practical finance and administrative persons, has made 2011 a most enjoyable, organized and extremely productive year. We would still like to find ways to bring on board more teachers to add new skills and to expand the variety of classes offered, over the next few years. We would also like to invite and encourage more parents to become involved in the running of the board and expand the idea of our school as being a community based organisation.

Student numbers remain limited due to our geographical area, and socio-economic catchment area. One of the positives of this situation is that we place emphasis on not competing, but teach and support our students in a friendly and relaxed environment. We are continuing to advertise in local school newsletters, as well as in the local papers to try and increase student numbers. We may also need to look at grants available with which we could support families with low incomes to attend our classes.

Another strategy that we would like to discuss with the committee this year is a change to the name "JamaeRaw". By doing this, it would remove the misconception that this is a privately owned company. JamaeRaw is unique within South Australia, as all other dance schools are either privately owned or funded by the government. We feel that it would be beneficial to emphasise the "not for profit" and "for the community" aspect of our school with a new name. Looking to the future, it could then become possible to provide a mentorship and franchise system to be able to open similar schools in other rural areas.

Finance Report: presented by Sharon Thompson

Please see the attached comprehensive report. The written part of this report will be uploaded onto the website, to foster the openness and honesty of how this school is run.

Changes to the Constitution:

- All meetings must have at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the committee in attendance plus one extra, so that a majority decision can be reached on any issue.  
Raised by Sharon, seconded by Ambrae. Vote carried unanimously.
- There is a need to add a section to the constitution about our “work in lieu of fees” policy. This is for all staff including teachers, to cover the hours of work outside of scheduled lesson time that they are not paid for. In lieu of this pay, they can receive equivalent value in classes for their children.  
Raised by Ambrae, Seconded by Tori. Vote carried unanimously.

Nominations for Committee members 2012:

- President: Albert Jamae nominated himself, seconded by Sharon. Vote carried unanimously.
- Treasurer: Sharon Thompson, nominated by Albert, seconded by Tori. Vote carried unanimously.
- Secretary: Birgitt Olssen has stepped down from this position and nominated Tori Piper as her replacement. Seconded by Sharon. Vote carried unanimously.
- Committee members include Ambrae Jamae (creative director), Scott Piper and Birgitt Olssen. Birgit Hynes invited to join.

Meeting closed 9pm.