

## Bliss Dance Program and Reception – April 30, 2016

Planning began as early as December for the program that was finally scheduled for April 30th after much negotiation with Bliss, Niles School and The Vine Restaurant. I also had to be sure and refer to our AAUW calendar.

Niles Elementary auditorium seemed to be the best venue. (The rent is less than other schools in the FUSD and they have a large auditorium and stage.) FUSD requires proof that AAUW is non-profit. They now have that on record at the district office. I also had to make a request for a certificate of insurance. It is a simple form that you can get from Steve Cho, Kathy Garfinkle or Kathy Bray. You can also request it from Nicole Coccimiglio at Westport & Associates. Her telephone number is 925-718-8905 or e-mail [nicolec@westportassoc.com](mailto:nicolec@westportassoc.com).

I met with Michele Morhous at Niles School and put down a \$15 deposit to secure the facility for April 30th. Cassie Begley, artistic director of Bliss, joined me at Niles School. We looked at the auditorium to be sure that the facility would work for her dancers. RoseMarie Everett joined me when I consulted with Nicholas Cash, general manager of The Vine, to discuss the menu for the reception. Annie Hawall Wood, owner of The Vine, also helped with planning the menu. We planned on 50 to 60 people and settled on:

Sweet Tater Tots

Crispy Imperial Spring Rolls

Bacon Wrapped Dates

Bruschetta Crostini's

Pig and Goat Platter (cypress grove cheese)

10 bottles of pre purchased Connannon family wines

The food went fast but they put it out in stages so there was enough to last the evening.

We did run a little short on wine so we added 2 bottles.

I met with Shirley Gilbert and we worked on a detailed plan for publicity that included newspapers and local organizations. Shirley wrote and sent out numerous calendar items. I interviewed Cassie Begley from Bliss Dance and wrote an article for the Tri-City Voice, which we submitted with a beautiful photo of her lead dancer.

Tickets were \$25 for general and \$20 for students. We had about 55 people in attendance. Many of those attending were students. Steve Cho videotaped the program and took a few pictures.

Bliss Dance presented a very professional and powerful dance program that resonated with all ages in the audience. The audience responded with many questions and positive comments.

Kathy Garfinkle  
Bliss Program Chair

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Financial Statement

\$1,265.00 from ticket sales

\$390.77 paid to The Vine for food and wine

\$303.02 paid to FUSD for use of facility

4 hours on Friday for rehearsal @ \$24.10

3 hours on Saturday @ \$24.10

3 hours only on Saturday for custodian @ \$44.44

\$571.21 profit

I recommend that we donate \$300 to local scholarships and \$250 to Bliss Dance.