

SWING 'n' COUNTRY BOARD MINUTES

February 27, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

Present: Gary LaForte, Reike Moskal, Marcia Emmett, Ingrid Dubman, Don Moeller, Karen Saunders, Leah Noparstak, Susie Kaplan, Dan Brabec

Absent: Lou Chatroop

Mission Statement was read by Ingrid Dubman

Member Presentations – None

President's Report

- Let's get some help just an overview of work around the club in general.
- Take down crew needed for Dance Camp. Everyone disappeared at end and only a few remained for cleanup.
- Don took pictures of what is in storage unit. What is not needed should be donated or discarded. Note: Habitat for Humanity will pick it up.

Treasurer's Report

- January was a very good month for Swing 'n' Country. The Mario Farewell in Chicago Friday night dance was a huge success. Dances and Lessons had positive cash surpluses. The positive results of the Dances and Lessons allowed Swing 'n' Country to finish the month, on a cash basis, with a positive cash flow even though we experienced the first 6 month installment for the storage unit rent.
- Accordingly, Swing 'n' Country is off on a successful start for 2017.
- Leah motioned/Marcia seconded that we accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report

- Gary motioned/Karen seconded that we accept the Secretary's report as amended. Motion passed

Committee Reports

Hospitality

- No report

Operations

- Marcia distributed the staffing sheets.
- Future vouchers earned by volunteers must have clear expiration date.

Dance Camp

- Leah reported that initially the loss will be about \$3000 (once Treasurer reconciles all bank fees).
- Surveys show that the people who attend Dance Camp Chicago have pretty nice things to say about it.
- Surprisingly, the survey results for the hotel are not largely negative – however the lack of enough rooms, an elevator and the shape of the building has received numerous complaints.
- To that end, the DCC Steering Committee has recommended that we move to another hotel. Research had been done and a proposal from the DoubleTree in Oakbrook (about 5 miles down the road from the Waterford) has been identified as a possible site.
 - Leah presented the proposal as well as the following reasons for the move:

- DCC cannot grow in attendance because the Waterford only has 104 rooms (DCC 2017 in a losing year STILL had 94-97 of the rooms). In addition, the Steering Committee feels that we have lost people over the years due to the location.
- The air wall between the 2 main ballrooms is now presenting an issue with noise pollution. During competition on Saturday the Instructor could not be heard over the music.
- While the food at the Bistro is good the wait times are too long. Need a restaurant and/or bar to accommodate attendees.
- Need the ability to expand number of workshops happening at the same time (if we so decide).
- Leah motioned/Susie seconded to host Dance Camp 2018 (20th Anniversary!). Motion passed
- Leah motioned/Marcia seconded to schedule Dance Camp 2018 on February 9 - 11, 2018. Motion passed
- Marcia motioned/Reike seconded to move the event to the DoubleTree-Oakbrook. Motion passed.

Education

- The February lesson have been well attended, Don Macdonald has done a great job - as always - he has two helpers Marcia Emmett and BJ Gregory
- The second dance was taught by Brian Wong, he did a good job. He kept it simple enough, he had 20 of his students come to the lesson, they were first timers to our dance but all of them paid for the lessons. I recommend that we have him teach again on a Friday night in the future.
- MARCH-Two Step-Julie Hein and Don Leynes and NOTE!!!! they will teach the second dance (due to a prior commitment)
- The first dance will be taught by Liz Gutzwiler, it will be Hustle.
- APRIL-Cha-Cha-Brittney Valdez for the Wednesdays and first Friday dance.
- The second dance is Double-Two- Don Leynes and Julie Hein.
- MAY-Hustle-Liz Gutzwiler for the Wednesdays and first dance. (CINCO THE MAYO)
- The second dance will be West Coast taught by Fred Price.
- JUNE-Still working on it, reached out to instructors, they have not yet confirmed.
- SEPTEMBER is still pending-Maren Oslac has a commitment for the first Wednesday and still trying to work it out. Once we have the go ahead for September I can finish the rest of the year.

Happenings

- March Happenings went out on time

Marketing

- No report

Archive

- No report

Website

- Website will be updated after March 1.

Music

- No report

Volunteers

- No report

Dance Angels

- No report

Special Events Committee:**Closed Session:****Adjournment**

Karen motioned/Susie seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:28 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Kaplan