

Swing 'n' Country Board Meeting

October 29, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m.

Present: Jerry Kieras, Don Moeller, Rich Cooper, Deborah Sitter, Ingrid Dubman, Suzanne Saxer and Gary LaForte,

Absent: Karen Saunders and Leah Noparstak. Soleman Krebs and Angela Kostoff have resigned.

Mission Statement was read by Jerry Kieras.

Member Presentations

- ❖ None

President's Report

- ❖ None

Treasurer's Report

- ❖ September was another month of loss bringing the total months to eight (8) in a row. Particularly disturbing is the year-to-date report. It shows that we went from a \$5000 profit in 2011 to a \$2600 loss in 2012.
- ❖ Balance sheets have been sent to all board members by email. We will review at our next board meeting. Budgets will also be discussed at that meeting.
- ❖ Discussion was held considering the option of putting Dance Camp Funds into its own account. Suzanne and Rich will work on creating a special breakdown for us on a monthly basis. They will also work on the accounting and money transfer.
- ❖ Jerry moved/Deborah seconded that we accept the report. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report

- ❖ Ingrid moved/Jerry seconded that we accept the report. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Hospitality

<u>October 5th Dance</u>		
Attendees – 63	Expenses - \$56.81	Cost per person - \$.90
<u>October 19th Dance</u>		
Attendees - 103	Expenses - \$50.69	Cost per person - \$.49
<u>Total for October 2012</u>		
Attendees – 166	Expenses - \$107.50	Cost per person - \$.65

Dance Camp Chicago

- ❖ None

Operations

- ❖ The general computer is currently up to date on all software.
- ❖ Jerry has requested that Constant Contact send out a request to have a volunteer help with the leaderless marketing committee.

Happenings

- ❖ Don will ask Judi for a report for the next meeting.
- ❖ Don will remind Judi about the request for assistance with Marketing in happenings and Constant Contact.

Marketing

- ❖ None

Education

- ❖ Ingrid has contacted several instructors for the coming year. She should have the first four (4) months' contracts in the next few days.
- ❖ Ingrid has sent Rich her budget for 2013.

Archive Report

- ❖ Don will ask Roger to prepare a report for our next meeting.

Website Report

- ❖ Don will ask Roger to prepare a report for our next meeting.

Music

- ❖ Discussion took place regarding the music at the September 21st "Meet the Instructors Dance". Several members and instructors felt the music was more contemporary than normal.
- ❖ Ingrid will email board members with her suggestion regarding a change with the rotation of the music.
- ❖ Gary will listen to the disk in the sound suitcase.

Life Membership Committee

- ❖ None

Volunteers

- ❖ Deborah submitted a current list of volunteers for assistance with take-down. Most volunteers have served twice throughout the year. The exceptions to this will be contacted to hopefully serve at the dances remaining in 2012. We should be good in 2013 when our dances go down to one (1) per month.

Dance Angels

- ❖ Dance Angels will resume until the end of 2012. In 2013, we will introduce Dance Cards.

Special Events

- ❖ Our annual Holiday Dance and Dinner party was discussed. The cost for the dinner is \$27.00 per person. Early bird pricing is \$25.00 per person for members, with the club subsidizing the difference. A minimum of 60 people in attendance is required per Joanne from the Park District. Discussion was held whether the club should subsidize this year due to our continued loss of income each month at our dances.

Membership

- ❖ Our total membership is currently 152. October brought us 5 new members and 39 renewals.

For the Good of the Club

- ❖ We wish to honor our veterans at our dance on November 2nd, 2012 by extending them free admission.

Next meeting is November 27, 2012.

Adjournment

Deborah moved and Suzanne seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 p.m.. Vote was unanimous.

Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Deborah E. Sitter