

Swing 'n' Country Board Meeting

October 21, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Present: Jerry Kieras, Don Moeller, Rich Cooper, Deborah Sitter, Ingrid Dubman, Leah Noparstak, Marcia Emmett, Susie Kaplan, Reike Moskal and Gary LaForte.

Absent: None

Email Motion:

- ❖ On October 11th, 2013 Leah motioned and on October 16, 2013 Jerry seconded the following:

Swing 'n' Country's Marketing/Advertising Policy

(Covers SNC's Website, Flyers for the Tables, and Happenings)

- ❖ Studios
 - No advertising as they are unable to reciprocate
- ❖ Clubs (groups)
 - Advertising if reciprocated only
- ❖ Weekly lessons (Sunday – Thursday)
 - Nothing will be advertised except for Wednesday's Swing 'n' Country lessons.
 - Friday and Saturday are open unless it is our Friday or is Dance Camp Chicago.
- ❖ Events (local and out of state)
- ❖ Weekend events only as long as there is no conflict (unless the event is out of state)
 - Promotion of weekend events will be based on whether or not Swing 'n' Country sponsors the event and if it is in-state.
- ❖ Places to Dance (Bars, Saloons, Lounges, etc.)
 - Website only
- ❖ Flyer Table
 - Wednesdays
 - Swing 'n' Country materials only AND
 - The instructor of the month (no conflicts allowed)
 - Friday
 - The instructor of the month (no conflicts allowed)
 - No studios except if it is the instructor of the month

Eight (8) members voted yes and two (2) did not respond. **Motion passed.**

Mission Statement was read by Don Moeller.

Member Presentations

- ❖ None

President's Report

- ❖ Benedictine University has stated they want to learn line dancing ONLY so Julie Hein has turned them over to Janet Kruse.

Treasurer's Report

- ❖ Don moved/Susie seconded that we accept the August and September reports. Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Secretary's Report

- ❖ Marcia moved/Gary seconded that we accept the report as revised. Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Committee Reports

Hospitality

- ❖ All who attended our October 4th dance got to enjoy Ingrid's delicious apple slices along with donations of veggies and hummus from Carey Schug and cookies and donuts from Karen Saunders. Our donation boot received \$32.00 which therefore made the expenses for hospitality \$.00. Thank you Ingrid, Carey and Karen. Attendance was 69 with 64 paid attendees.

Operations

- ❖ **Don** will put into motion the selling of the old music equipment when the new speaker system is purchased. Leah motioned/Reike seconded that Don purchase the new speaker system on Black Friday for no more than \$300. **Motion passed.** Via email, on November 4, 2013, Leah motioned/Deborah seconded that an additional \$200.00 be added to purchase speaker stands as our existing ones are on their last legs. So the total equipment needed to buy is the speaker amp, a luggage cart to move it with, new wireless microphone, and new speaker stands, bringing the estimate to around \$500.00. Eight (8) voted yes and one (1) abstained. **Motion passed.**
- ❖ Rich Cooper will take over the Vice President position as of November 1st, 2013. **Rich** will email the staffing sign-up sheet to the board by October 23rd, 2013 for November. It would be best if the sign-up sheet was brought to the board meetings in the future.
- ❖ The microphone unit is in need of major repair or replacement. Currently there is a band aid holding on the instructor's antenna!

Education

- ❖ Ingrid has completed the year's calendar with the revision of Don Leynes teaching Double-Two in May and Brittney Bartler teaching Cha-Cha in April. When she gets Brittney's response, Roger can post the schedule on the website and Judi can post it on Happenings.
- ❖ Nancy Tuzzolino has done a great job teaching West Coast Swing this month! She has really challenged the intermediate class. Thank you Nancy!

Website Report

- ❖ Roger attached the website hit report with a phenomenal view. Thank you Roger!

Music

- ❖ April will give Jerry at SCC the last two (2) emergency music disks. Rich will need to have a check ready to pay for them at that time.
- ❖ April's speaker set-up works well and is easy to set-up. Thanks to her for loaning us the equipment and for her research in assisting us with the purchase of our own system.
- ❖ Many good comments have been received regarding the music at the first dance in October.

Volunteers

- ❖ Wayne Rohr's name will be removed from the volunteer list due to his working on Saturdays.

Dance Angels

- ❖ We had about six (6) dance angels at the second dance in October. It would be helpful to announce the dance angels (not by name but by showing armbands displayed) after the first music set along with the general announcements.

Special Events

- ❖ The first dance in April of 2014 will be our anniversary dance celebrating 20 years! Hospitality committee will give a report at our January 2014 board meeting regarding this event taking place on April 4th, 2014.

Membership

- ❖ To date the club has 144 renewed members for the year of 2013 – 2014.
- ❖ Leah is going to send out a reminder to non-renewed members that have not attended lately to welcome them back to the club. She will put in the letter a list of benefits for joining SNC, one of which is the "early bird" pricing for the dinner dance.

For the Good of the Club

- ❖ Susie will present at our November board meeting different options for music rotation.
- ❖ All board members are to review the Committee sheet by our next board meeting November 11th, 2013 for the purpose of accuracy.

Next meeting is November 11th, 2013.

Adjournment

Deborah moved/Leah seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Deborah E. Sitter