

# Swing'n'Country Board Meeting

## January 7, 2007

Present: Don Bright, Rich Cooper, Alfred Dahma, Julie Hein, Susie Kaplan, Leah Noparstak, Tobi Oberman, Penny Rusch, Roger Peterson, Tina Reitz

Absent: Amy Kaawa

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 pm (early...the first time in modern history!) by Leah at Spaghetti Warehouse!

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Don read the Mission Statement.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- ~See report for details
- ~Depreciation needs to occur over time. Our assets have been on the books for a number of years. We have depreciated everything but the new computer.
- ~The budget was copied for all to review. It allows for new DJ and hospitality expenses.. Increase of website cost, monthly dance and storage unit expenses will be added to the budget.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made (Don) and seconded (Tina). Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **Secretary's Report** (Minutes)

Minutes will be approved via email after they have been resent.

### **Advertising and Promotions**

- ~Part of the budget of this committee was Chicagoland. Further discussion will be needed regarding financial support of other dance events/clubs. Does advertising at other events (via pizza, etc) need to be in the budget?
- ~Julie will invite Jennifer to the next Board meeting to discuss SNC's support of Chicagoland.

### **Dance Camp**

- ~General reports were presented and additional assignments were made.
- ~Stephanie presented an advertising/sponsorship sheet. That sheet will be e-mailed to board members for help. Julie This information will also be announced in *Happenings*. Julie Flyers will be ready from the printer this week. Don L will pick them up and get them to Wednesday lessons.
- ~Stephanie has been notified that there are errors on the flyer (add Katrina, correct spelling of quick on page four) that should be corrected on the website. Julie & Leah

### **Education**

~Tobi will make a recommendation about how SNC handles couples who teach for us, including how contracts are handled, how publicity is handled, etc.  
~Lesson went well on Friday! Yeah Rich!

### **Operations**

People love cheese at table.

Music

Ken received at least five compliments about his music selection. Matt will DJ in February. Leah will contact Ken to be sure that there is an established schedule for DJs.

Dance activities

Feb – Valentine's Day

March – 50-50 at the first dance

April – Installation of officers at first dance  
- Used Clothing Sale

### **Marketing**

Flyers for February will be ready for Wednesday lessons.

### **Special Programs**

~Holiday Dinner-Dance: We need to look at places for the 2008 holiday dance. For the record, there were 65 for dinner and a few more for just the dance; we were still well under the 100 or so who usually attend. The search committee is: Leah, Tobi, Julie, Tina chair

~Picnic: Consider doing something different this year.

### **Membership/Renewals**

No report

### **Items for communication in Happenings**

~Chairman of the election committee is Leah, who will select two other members of the club to assist her.

~Review of Procedures

\*Notice of election, etc., should appear in Happenings. Julie

\*Ballot will be closed at the first dance in Feb.

\*By the second dance in Feb, the ballot should be mailed out to all who are members as of (what date?)

\*Election is first dance in March.

\*Counting is a week later.

\*Election committee Chair notifies the president who the winners are. The

\*President notifies all candidates of the results. Happenings note that there will be a ballot box at DDC. First meeting in April, old board approves election, and new board takes over.

Board will appoint a board position to cover the position of Pres Emeritus, though that will not be the persons title.

To be elected:

VP

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Treas

Three 2-year board

Two 1-year board position

E-mail Leah to let her know if you will be running again

#### Petition

Alfred will chair response to the petitioners. Committee: Julie, Roger, Leah, Tobi

#### Database

Please look at tables and let Amy know if anything needs to be added.

#### Storage Closet at FP

Totes are not stackable. We need some totes with lids. Roger will clean the closet!

Suggestion to make "map" of closet. Send him comments/guidelines.

#### Survey

Committee to review and make recommendations.

Should be a link to the website. Roger will do. Note in Happenings.

Circulate summary to Board to be sure that we are all comfortable with putting in on the website.

Note in Happenings about another survey coming in April.

#### Dances

Add dances to SNC's calendar year: July 18, August 1,

Rich moves, Susie seconds that we have dances July 18, August 1, assuming that dates can be cleared with CNP. Unanimous. Add to budget.

#### Food Drive

Which food pantry? Delivery? (U-Haul donation?) \$1/item for entry into dance. Max off is \$6. Consensus. Schaumburg food pantry.

Motion: Proceeds go to Schaumburg Township food pantry. \$1/item for entry into dance. Max off is \$6. Leah moves/Tobi seconds. Tina is chair. Unanimous.(but Don not present)

#### Next location:

Starbucks in Streets of Woodfield. Open until 11:30. If Jennifer can be here, we'll meet somewhere more convenient for her. If not, we'll meet at Starbucks.

Next meeting 2/11.

Raffle in March (St. Jude) – Susie has a prize.

(Give people working GUCS free entry into dance.)

Alfred: re replacement for boombox. Solution: Holy Granoly!! Cost of "package" was approved to be \$150. Alfred spent \$300 for a package that is, according to him, "idiot-proof." Motion to approve additional \$150 up to \$330 Alfred's expenses of \$300 (jh ), seconded (tr ), Unanimous. Motion passed. (Richard was speechless, but he didn't vote no!)

Alfred will check out lighting option.

#### Additional DJ

Distributed DJ policy.

Dave from Silver Saddle (now at Ranch)

He should e-mail Leah and let her know when he will be playing

Tina will give him a copy of SNC's policy.

Verbal instruction: don't play same songs over and over again.

#### DJ policy

BPM suggested by music committee: see Leah (Leah, please e-mail to Julie, Tobi, Rich, Susie)

Leah will reconstitute

Leah will send revised guidelines to Tina who will pass it on to Dave

Bob Boyle is our "in case of emergency" DJ

Too much background noise at last dance during lessons and announcements. Change: Leah will announce all board members. After that, board members circulate and shhhh people, People were very, very chatty. We thank DJ at least twice a night. Dance angels went well. Val wanted to buy the armband. Reike really enjoyed herself too! Karen O'Sullivan was a newbie who enjoyed herself as dance angel too.,

Finalize Weather Cancellation Policy

Operations committee will make recommendations. Yeah, Leah, that means you!

Trust Fund Donation

Website provides information:

[www.ysaswubgnet.com/Christopher\\_trustfund.htm](http://www.ysaswubgnet.com/Christopher_trustfund.htm)

Put info in Happenings

DDC Chairman for 2009 discussion

Next month's meeting will primarily be devoted to Chicagoland and DDC.

Susie would like to see mentoring of new board members, structure of club, etc. New member orientation packet.

Thanks Stephanie for her details on her job description

Rich gave a back up of Quick Books for the budget.

For the good of the club:

Val's e-mail will be sent to Happenings for possible inclusion.

1<sup>st</sup> January dance: many compliments about music, food, cheese!!

Owner of Two Left Feet, Pamm Martinez is changing her Fri night dance party so her members can come to SNC. Her people as well as Pamm have joined and truly enjoy the people!!!

Motion to adjourn. Rich moved, Penny second. 10:03

Adjournment