

Swing'n'Country Board
Minutes
January 19, 2009

Present: Ann Clark, Rich Cooper, Alfred Dahma, Julie Hein, Susie Kaplan, Jerry Kieras, Leah Noparstak, Tobi Oberman, Roger Peterson, Penny Rusch

Absent: Tina Rietz

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

Tobi read the Mission Statement.

Treasurer's Report

- Report dated 12/8/08 (for month ending November, 2008) was reviewed
 - It was moved (Leah) and seconded (Julie) that the report be accepted.
 - Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**
- Report dated 1/19/08 (for month ending December, 2008)
 - It was moved (Leah) and seconded (Jerry) that the report be accepted.
 - Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**
- Letter was received from the Juvenile Diabetes Association thanking us for our donation.
- Storage facility
 - There was a discussion about billing for our shed. We are being charged a penalty for not having paid a bill that was never sent to us. **Rich** will pursue this, copying the Better Business Bureau with correspondence.

Secretary's Report

- It was moved (Roger) and seconded (Rich) that we approve the minutes as corrected.
- Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Operations

- The new hotline number belongs to Marlene Kenney. We are paying her \$10/month for her time and the use of the number. **Roger** will check in with her quarterly to be sure that all is well.
- Paperless registration seems to be working well. We are using two computers at dances and then organizing data on a single computer. Next, we need to figure out how to utilize data collected on the "desk" computer in Quick Books.
- The wireless head mic for the instructor needs to be replaced.

- It was moved (Roger) and seconded (Tobi) that we purchase a Shure headset (PG30), bodypack transmitter (PGX1), and double diversity receiver (PGX4) for a cost not to exceed \$400.
- Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**
- SNC owns a wireless, hand-held mic, which may be used for announcements. **Roger** will investigate whether this is a viable option for announcements
- The guitar amp and boom box need replacement.
 - It was moved (Roger) and seconded (Susie) that we purchase the portable Bose iPod docking station for a cost not to exceed \$400.
 - Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Website

- DCC has been updated
- Assignments were made for responses to the Online Feedback received.
 - Please rephrase if necessary
 - Send responses to Roger by Monday 1/26
 - Roger will coordinate and circulate responses to entire Board before posting on Website.

Marketing

- Jerry is our new Marketing chairperson

By-Laws

- Ann reviewed general changes which have been suggested to By-Laws. Board is asked to review especially Articles IV, V and VII and get back to Ann by Monday, January 26.
- It was moved (Ann) and seconded (Jerry) as follows: Pursuant to Section 9f of the By-Laws, the position of President Emeritus as described in Sections 6a, 6b, and 6c and any additional mention thereof, is hereby repealed, effective immediately.
 - Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Hospitality

- We are planning on having summer dances

Music

- We are getting schedules from DJ
- **Leah** will remind DJs to announce dances. (They will need a mic.)

Education

- All months are set except for November
- Rich will teach Hustle at the Friday, November 20th dance.
- Kristin will be asked to teach at the Friday, May 15th dance.

Special Programs

- No report

Happenings

- May be moving to Constant Contact

Dance Camp

- Room rate has been lowered from, \$74.99 to \$59 for queen with sofa beds or single and \$69 for king or a double.
- Food arrangements have been made for two late night evening meals, a box lunch, and a breakfast
- Pet policy has been changed to our advantage: \$25 per visit. Room will be a smoking room.
- Julie, Tobi and Alfred will write a grant to see if we can get a hotel in Lisle.

Elections

- Send Roger names of others interested in running

Budget

- We will have a special meeting for budget discussion

Chicago Classic

- Levels have changed \$2,000, \$1500, \$750
- It was moved (Leah) and seconded (Tobi) that SNC offer \$500 to the Classic for use in the Youth Scholarship, assuming that recognition and benefits are received. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed

Next meeting (budget only): Monday, January 26, Spaghetti Warehouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hein
Secretary