

Swing'n'Country Board Meeting

May 19, 2008

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by President, Leah Noparstak

Mission Statement was read by Penny.

Treasurer's Report

~Roger asked a question. Rich answered. I couldn't hear either the question or the answer. It had something to do with the way attendance is recorded at dances.

~There was also a discussion about the amount paid to instructors for the weekly dances. Rich will make an adjustment if there has been an error.

~Roger moved and Julie seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report

Corrections:

~Ann's last name is Clark, not Peterson. Roger noted, without apparent rancor, that if she accepted his last name, she would no doubt be a better follower. Ann smirked.

~Strike mention of the person's name requesting mention of employment, but leave in mention that the request was not appropriate.

~Finish sentence: "Going forwards, all communications among Board members should be blind copied to members to be in compliance with SNC's privacy policy."

Tobi moved and Roger seconded that the Secretary's Report be accepted. All voted yes except Jerry, who abstained. Motion passed.

Operations

~A letter was received from St. Jude's thanking us for our donation.

~Job Chart/Description

*A chart indicating what jobs Board members and volunteers could do and under what conditions (with or without help) they could do them was discussed.

*Roger also requested a detailed list of each job description.

~Like Topsy, the lost and found department is growing. Roger, Ann and Tobi will draft a lost and found policy. Roger will also take a quick picture of the items and post them on website and noted in Happenings via a link. We will hold the items for three months after posting.

Marketing

No report

Music

~Roger proposed a meeting of the music committee to assess the danceability of the music and recommend changes if necessary.

Members: Jerry, Susie, Roger, Leah, Rich.

Education

~There is a contract out to Colleen MacDonald to teach at our second October dance.

~Two Step/Don Leynes has been moved to September. West Coast/Carlos Garcia has been moved to October.

~Friday's lesson

*Some concern was expressed about teaching technique of the teacher at Friday's lesson. Mic placement made her difficult to understand.

*At Friday's lesson, rank beginners were taught by two Board members. Jerry would like for this to be discussed:

~At lessons, if need be, rank beginners will be taught. A proposal will be developed. Committee members: Tobi, Jerry, Susie, Julie.

~Beginner's classes aren't designed for the absolute beginner. What can we do about this?

Special Programs

~People need to be reminded to be very careful about food/drinks upstairs.

~July "It's Too Darned Hot to Have a Picnic" Party

*People do not need to pay to be in J&J.

*Pizza will be served mid-evening. It is not intended to be a meal.

*Begin dance at 7:30. Serve pizza at 9:30-9:45.

*Rent the little room downstairs to serve pizza.

*Sign-up sheet will be created indicating who will attend (and eat pizza).

Marketing plan will be created by Tina.

~Holiday Dinner-Dance

See report.

~Food Drive

Logistics of getting food from dance to the food pantry were discussed. We may send it to the Schaumburg food pantry.

Joanne has also offered to take food to Franklin Park food pantry.

Membership and Renewals

~See Treasurer's report.

~Roger and Alfred hope to have the database done by the beginning of the fall dancing "season." Alfred needs to know exactly what we want the database to do. Roger and Leah will collaborate to produce this.

~Non-members who attend events could sign a sheet at dances/lessons, and the rest of the information could be included in our database.

Happenings

New host (for website) was used to release a recent Blast – *successfully!!*

~There may be a new Happenings editor soon. Judi is mentoring someone.

Dance Camp

~Name changed from Dance Camp & Chicago to Dance Camp Chicago due to difficulties with e-mail/website name difficulties.

~Don, Leah, and Julie will meet at Waterford on Thursday to get proposal. Results will be discussed via conference call with the committee.

Website

~We are still switching over to the new website host at the end of the month. The website will have a new look.

~New e-mails addresses will be .net.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Next meeting will be on June 23.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Hein
Secretary