

Swing 'n' Country Board Meeting

July 19th, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m..

Present: Jerry Kieras, Don Moeller, Rich Cooper, Deborah Sitter, Ingrid Dubman, Karen Saunders, Leah Noparstak, Gary LaForte, Holly Hayek, and Tom Kostoff.

Absent: Alisa Winkler

Mission Statement was read by Karen.

Member Presentations

- ❖ None

President's Report

- ❖ Discussion was held regarding creating a Community Outreach Committee. Its purpose does fall within our mission statement, that being to create community involvement. It was decided to reach out to our club members for volunteers to be on the committee by advertising the need in Happenings, on the website, and at the dances. Tom volunteered to be the contact person for those interested in joining the committee.
- ❖ We have decided to accept the invitation to entertain the residents at Victory Centre of Bartlett on a future date, probably on a Saturday afternoon for about 2 hours. Gary will follow up with Rose Simone, our contact person from the Centre, to get available dates. We estimated that we could use about 8 to 10 people (5 couples) to demonstrate our different dances, along with the Flash Mob dance.
- ❖ Chicagoland Dance Festival is coming up August 19th thru the 21st. We are the only sponsor for the event and the only club able to have a table in the ballroom for display information. It was suggested to create a flyer with all the instructors' names on it for the dance year of 2011-2012 along with their pictures, and also our Dance Camp flyers and a possible DVD playing showing dancing clips from our website. Tom will ask Alisa if she can put this together for the event. Don will get the banner and piping to the festival. Leah will make up a raffle ticket to win week-end passes to DCC for CDF as well. Don has volunteered to allow us to use a monitor of his as well as a DVD player..
- ❖ An action item register has been established in Excel. Jerry has asked Deborah to keep this going as part of her secretarial duties.
- ❖ All committee heads are being asked to review the descriptions of their committee and new committees are asked to draw up descriptions. This should be done by 2 weeks prior to the next board meeting of August 23rd and emailed to Jerry.

Treasurer's Report

- ❖ Leah moved/Deborah seconded that we accept the report. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

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

Committee Reports

Dance Camp Chicago

- ❖ Mario will not be able to attend DCC. Our replacement will be Robert Royston.

Happenings

- ❖ Happenings needs someone trained as a back-up editor. Alisa has been asked if she would consider learning the process. Current proof-readers are Roger, Alisa, Leah and Deborah.

Special Events

- ❖ Tom looked into US 99 coming out to our annual Christmas party. However, their cost was \$5,000.00. He is going to now look into CCQ out of Joliet, a country and western station.
- ❖ Leah is going to send Tom the budget for the Christmas party.

Operations

- ❖ Don has repacked the sound equipment into two cases. The 2 wireless microphone systems will be put into our storage facility.
- ❖ Don and Tom will get the clips on the lights by September 1, 2011.

Website

- ❖ All board member's URL's as well as board and boardplus are now available using ***@swingncountry.com.
- ❖ The club now owns the domain name www.dancecampchicago.com.
- ❖ Some names are on the website without their pictures and biographies. Ingrid and Leah will take care of this.
- ❖ All events through December 31, 2011 have been posted to the website.
- ❖ Roger is considering adding a website page for Life members.

Marketing

- ❖ Alisa is posting pictures on Facebook as she gets them. If anyone has pictures from the induction of Merry Chapman, please connect with her so that she can also put them on Facebook.
- ❖ Our marketing board "T-shirt contest" will be covered up with "Check us out on Facebook". Numbers on Facebook have doubled so far from invitations Alisa has made. There are also a few requests from others to be a part of the group. Way to go Alisa!

Education

- ❖ All teachers for the 2011-2012 year have been contacted to see if they will come to the second dance in September to participate in our MEET THE TEACHERS NIGHT and be our Dance Angels. Judi will put this advertisement in Happenings and Alisa will put it on Facebook. Ingrid will inform Judi and Alisa.

Hospitality

- ❖ Our annual SNC Indoor Picnic was a great success! Lots of good food was provided thanks to Ingrid and Karen! We had 80 attendees, including a group from Lebanon, Tennessee, friends of Brian Wong. Brian Wong is moving to Atlanta, Georgia. Leah will contact Judi to put a farewell greeting in Happenings.

Music

- ❖ We received many compliments on Ken Dillard's music for our SNC Indoor Picnic dance on 7/15.

Membership

- ❖ Our new membership renewal procedure for the upcoming dance year 2011-2012 was voted on thru email by the board members and was approved. The information will be placed on the website and Constant Contact will put a link to that information on a future date. All memberships will end on August 31st, 2011 and new memberships will begin on September 1st, 2011.

Volunteers

- ❖ No change in the number of volunteers on our list for take-down.

Dance Angels

- ❖ Just a reminder that Dance Angels need to be polite, kind, gentle and preferably have dance ability.

For the Good of the Club

- ❖ Jon Serletic is on the entertainment committee for a fundraiser for Abbie Leah Drzewlecki, a baby born January 25, 2011 . She has been diagnosed with biliary cirrhosis of the liver and needs a liver transplant. His request is for the club to donate 4 weeks of free dance lessons for the fund raiser event. Karen moved/Leah seconded the motion. Board members voted by email 7 yes to 3 no responds. Motion carried.

Next meeting is August 23rd, 2011. September's meeting is on the 20th, October's meeting is on the 25th, and November's meeting is on the 29th.

Adjournment

Leah moved and Karen seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 p.m.. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Deborah E. Sitter