

Swing'n'Country Board Meeting

Monday, August 6, 2007

Present: Bob Bohl, Rich Cooper, Julie Hein, Susie Kaplan, Leah Noparstak, Tobi Oberman, Chris Peterson, Tina Reitz

Absent: Amy Kaawa

Resigned: Scott Schmale, George Sparks

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Peterson at the home of Judy Leslie at 8:15 p.m., the lost Board members having been found and delivered to Oakbrook Terrace.

Tobi read the mission statement.

Treasurer's Report

The deposit from June will be left open for another month. If not identified by the end of that time, Rich will reverse the overage.

Rich will pay Ballroom City \$250 for Dancin' After Dark.

Money has been transferred from old to new CD, but it is not reflected in this month's report.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report (Tobi) was seconded (Tina) and approved by all, with the exception of Rich, who abstained. Motion passed.

Minutes

Correction/Clarification

It was Susie (not Leah) who volunteered Tina to develop an SNC flyer
The option of having summer dances was not tabled; it was suggested that it be added to the survey.

Motion to accept the Minutes as corrected/clarified (Tina) and seconded (Rich) was approved by all. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Da Dance Camp

The DDC postcard will be updated with the inclusion of Mario Robau and Kristin Geil-Ham as instructors. The postcard will be ready for Chicagoland.

The proposal for support for the organizers of the Classic has been received by the DDC Committee and will be reviewed when the budget has been established.

The Committee has developed a letter to the World Swing Dance Council concerning the date of the Classic. The letter will be presented to the Board at its September meeting.

Education

Contracts for Jan/Feb 2008 are out.

Wednesday/first Friday lessons for 2008 have been charted. Board members are asked for comments.

We will get a confirmation from Hania regarding teaching Nightclub at the 2nd Friday dance in September.

Operations

Point Cards/Rubber Stamps

Tina distributed samples and will revise based on suggestions.

It was recommended that the Board member who disseminates the Point Card either initial it or stamp it (with a rubber stamp).

Tobi will send the new logo to Tina for her use on the cards

Tina will print 2-point and 4-point cards.

We will continue to honor the old cards.

DJ Pay

Board members, please read Ken Dillard's comments and respond by e-mail.

Leah will send this information out.

Additional report was submitted.

Special Programs

Report regarding picnic has been submitted.

Holiday Dinner-Dance

Tina will chair; Chris will co-chair; Julie will help

Deposit is in to Itasca Country Club.

Adrienne Wanek has agreed to chair the decorations committee.

Tina will call Adrienne to discuss theme

Membership

No report

Outreach

Newspaper ads will attempt to shorten verbiage in order to maintain reader interest. **Tina** will send out copy for Board comments.

Chicagoland

Leah will coordinate the display.

Tina will be on-site chair for pizza on Friday night. (**Chris** is off-site chair-ordering.) She will need to get gloves, etc. from storage shed.

Hospitality

Elizabeth Kronberger will head this committee, and Susie will be the Board representative

Susie is recruiting greeters

Leah will create a sheet (organized by date) on which volunteers can sign up

Old Business

Hand-held Fans

Group liked the round fans. Leah will e-mail cost to Board.

Motion to authorize up to \$300 for round fans (Chris), seconded (Tobi), was approved by all, with the encouragement to have fans in time for Chicagoland, if possible. Motion passed.

Flyer for SNC

Proposed flyer was distributed by Tina. Other than layout details, the group was enthusiastic about it.

Survey

There was discussion about adding questions regarding Dance Angels (Leah, Susie, and Tine are in charge), mixers, and summer dances.

The consensus was that we should eliminate "Salsa" as a possible dance (under "What dances would you like to see taught?") Instead, add "other."

#7 is still in the survey.

T-Shirts

Consensus was that t-shirts would be given to anyone who renewed or got a new membership at Chicagoland – and beyond.

T-shirts will cost an average of \$9 apiece.

We will order pink (women) and magenta (men)

Tobi will send Susie the new logo to put on the shirt.

Susie will order the shirts and get them to Chicagoland.

Clothing Sale

This is planned for the 2nd September dance.

We need hanging racks which will not scratch the floor at CNP.

Susie passed out a flyer.

Swing City Chicago

Rich reported that last year we gave \$600 to Swing City for Friday night pizza.

It was moved (Chris) and seconded (Bob) that we authorize \$750 for pizza this year. Motion was approved by all except for Julie, who abstained. Motion passed.

New Business

Replacing Board Members

The following were considered for the two Board positions available:

Don Bright, Alfred Dahma, Mark Leeser, Denise McIntosh, Roger Peterson, Penny Rusch

By secret ballot, the Board selected Alfred Dahma and Roger Peterson to fill the positions

It was not determined which of the new Board members were to replace Scott (who had seven months of his term remaining) or George (who had 19 months). **This needs to be done.**

Welcome Back Dance (Sept 7)

It was moved (Susie) and seconded (Bob) that if any SNC member who brings a non-member to the first dance of the "season" (Sept 7), both will get in as our guests. Vote was unanimous to approve. **Motion passed.**

Tabletop Banner

Tobi found these available at a cost of \$20. She was authorized to purchase one for DDC and one for SNC. (No vote was taken.)

Holiday Stocking Stuffers

Tina will create a gift certificate so that dancers may give SNC lessons/membership/dances as a holiday gift.

These stocking stuffers will make their debut at our September 21 dance.

Jack & Jill Contest

The Board discussed the possibility of having J&J Contests in place of the second monthly lesson. One month the J&J would be 2-Step, and the next month it would be WCS. There was discussion about carrying over the results of these contests, with a Final (Grand Champion) at the end of the "year."

Discussion was **tabled.**

For the Good of the Club

Julie mentioned the response of SNC members who live in the far south suburbs/Indiana to Genesis Dance Club which is, in some ways, similar to SNC: mix of music, not for profit. There was discussion about having mutual "road trips" in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hein
Secretary