

Swing'n'Country Board Meeting

Minutes

October 8, 2007

Present: Rich Cooper, Alfred Dahma, Julie Hein, Amy Kaawa, Susie Kaplan, Leah Noparstak, Tobi Oberman, Roger Peterson, Tina Reitz

Guests: Ben Mason, Stephanie Kusibab

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Acting President, Leah Noparstak at Spaghetti Warehouse in Mt. Prospect.

Guests were invited to make their statements

Ben presented a position paper about Dance Angels, explaining that he wanted to avoid contentiousness and emotionalism. He stated that the problem with Dance Angels was systemic, defining systemic – for those who didn't understand - as the problem being part of the system. He distributed a handout and discussed it with Board input.

Roger moved and Julie seconded that SNC continue with the Dance Angel program as implemented at the last two dances with a refinement of the document to be considered at the next meeting. The vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes via e-mail was made (Tina) and seconded (Amy). Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report

There is not a report regarding our tax burden at this time. Rich will continue to monitor.

Closed Session

No report

<u>Committee Reports</u>

Dance Camp

Stephanie disseminated copies of sponsorship/ads policy and distributed DDC's response to a proposal for sponsorship by the owners of the Chicago Classic. In discussing the organization of the event, she explained that there will be no change in the Sunday format, since that would involve extra expenses.

In a brief discussion about how to select her successor as Director of Da Dance Camp, Stephanie offered that she plans to write a job description so that those who are interested will have an idea what the job entails.

Membership

Database

Members of the Board will need to have training in Access, either before a Board meeting or at some other time TBD.

Consensus was that it is permissible to e-mail renewal notices to people who have e-mail addresses. **(Not a motion, but needs to be noted.)**

Information missing in selected fields in the database will be verified at dances/lessons whenever possible.

Amy will contact Don Bright regarding on-line payment and credit card options.

Survey

Roger will send a jpg of the logo to Leah.
Leah will send a copy to all Board members.

Operations

Dances

November theme will be Sadie Hawkins

Swing City pizza coupons will be honored: entry fee reduced to half price

Ladies' choice snowball (optional activity)

Shoe mixer (optional activity)

Refreshments

Rich will look at what has been spend on refreshments in the past.

Motion (Roger) and second (Susie) to fund the 1st dance of the month up to \$50 for refreshments. Was this motion was voted on?

Other dance considerations

Ambiance (tabled)

Raffles (tabled)

Holiday Dinner Dance (12/2)

Theme: Let it Snow

Budget: same as last year

Adrienne continues to grace us with her magnificent decorations, door prizes, etc.

DJ: It was moved (Amy) and seconded (Tobi) that one DJ will be comped for his/her meal in addition to a payment of \$100. Vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

Note price changes.

Roger will get information into Happenings.

Laptop

Alfred purchased the laptop (bless his heart!) and put Microsoft Office on it, thanks to Leah! <Applause here>

Education

Cost of lessons

It was moved (Tobi) and seconded (Tina) to increase the price of single, non-member lessons from \$12.50 to \$13.00, effective in January. Vote was

unanimous.

Motion passed.

Lesson schedule

Even with the Centre at North Park being available, there will be no change in the lesson schedule *per se*. Doors will open at 7 (with music) but lessons will be held at the same time as has been customary.

Boom box

Leah and Alfred will investigate a smaller but equally powerful sound source.

What will be do about lessons (or not) at 2nd Friday dances? (Wait for results of survey.)

Old Business

Open Meetings Act

This does not apply to Swing'n'Country

The role of visitors at meetings continues to be under discussion.

Open Board Positions

Roger will notify Happenings about the positions.

Leah will be the contact person.

Swing City

Leah will order the pizza; members of the Board and others will serve it.
Who will bring the banner and put it up?
Who will make the pizza cards?

New Business

Sponsorship of the Chicago Classic

We will wait to see what the levels of sponsorship are.
We will wait to see how the owners of the Classic respond to DDC's proposal for sponsorship.

For the Good of the Club

Swing'n'Country is also the name of a club in Albuquerque. Founded by a single person, it now has a membership of 600. It uses enticements such as a Halloween party, a 50-50 drawing, free water and cake at dances, and sponsorship of dances at the end of the country Albuquerque event. Susie and Roger will continue to be in touch with them.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 pm was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hein, Secretary