

SSDS Fun Business Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 3rd, 2008, 4 PM

Mary Ellen's house, 304 Roe Ave, Syracuse, NY, 13210

Attendance: Deb, Stacey, Rosalie, Greg, John, Stefani, Alan, Isaias, Alice, Mike, Daniel, Maria, Mary Ellen

1. Old Business

- Weekly dance 8:30 to 11 PM, Knights of Columbus, 5976 East Taft Road: We've changed our policy regarding admission fee for instructors. We will no longer give free dance admission to area instructors unless they volunteer for other tasks such as deejay or door duty. Now that we're dancing at K of C, Instructors will be admitted for the student price of \$3.00.
- Sound System/cabinet keys: We have eight cabinet keys. Mary Ellen has one, Isaias has one, Steve has two, and Greg has two. Can has one. Vatan has one.
- SSDS phone numbers: Our SSDS phone number remains 434-9503 with an answering machine that records messages for SSDS and for Steve. Current telephone numbers were collected from people that came to today's meeting. See Mary Ellen for this list.

2. Publicity

- K of C new venue flyer: We currently have about 25 flyers left for display at the Thursday K of C weekly dance.
- Sunday Stars Magazine, Neighbors, Thursday Weekend, Syracuse New Times: The Syracuse New Times still lists our old venue, Ballybay, but includes the correct 434-9503 phone number.
- Internet advertising:
 - SSDS weekly Thursday dance is now listed on Syracuse.com but the phone number is 458-0938 which is for the Knights of Columbus.
 - Jumpsocial.com: calendar listing is correct and provides a link to our SSDS webpage.
 - National FastDance Association President, Bill Maddox, offered membership free for one year, then 25 cents per member with minimum fee of \$25 and maximum fee of \$100. Joining this group might give us a price break for our BMI and ASCAP fees. Determining our membership fee would be difficult since we consider anyone that comes to our dance to be a member.

- Mailing flyers: Flyers are printed and have been delivered to Rosalie's group for processing. These flyers are Cordoba/Szekely, Strom/Staffeld and Arrowhead lodge picnic July 31st.
 - Mary Ellen will order a new banner to replace our lost banner.
 - We will advertise "Swing dance week, April 4th – 12th in the Syracuse newspapers. This will include the WCS April 4th workshop weekend and the April 11th Lindy workshop weekend.
3. Financial Report: We're nearly breaking even with our weekly dances. Income tax season coming up. We will remember to collect the necessary social security numbers.
4. Upcoming Events
- February 14th, 2008, Thursday night dance, K of C, is also Valentine's Day. We may offer a Rumba lesson, Dancecard game, candy message hearts.
 - Robert Cordoba/Deborah Szekeley teaching WCS at the Syracuse Ukranian Home, April 4th, 5th and 6th, 2008
 - New idea for Swing week starting April 4th through April 12th: We might possibly use the Syracuse Boys & Girls club venue for teaching beginner children's dance class Monday night, April 7th. We will ask Cathy about combining efforts with LHS and possibly work with other groups like the UpDowntowners for Tuesday, April 8th and/or Wednesday, April 9th night. We will also consult SU Swing Club.
 - Peter Strom/Ramona Staffeld teaching beginning Lindy class at Dancelovers Dance, Knights of Columbus, East Taft road, Friday, April 11th, 2008.
 - Peter Strom/Ramona Staffeld teaching Lindy Hop workshops with dance and pizza at the Syracuse Ukranian Home Saturday, April 12th, 2008.
 - Arrowhead Lodge 2008 Picnic Thursday, July 31, 2008.
 - Holiday dance, Thursday, December 11th, 2008.
5. New Business, Other Business
- Saint Patrick's Day Parade – SSDS will dance the parade route. We would need at least two couples to participate. We will obtain and display our new banner during the parade.
 - Hockey Crunch game demo: SyracuseCrunch invited SSDS to dance a demonstration during one of their games.

- Dance instruction at area schools: Prom season may inspire dance organizers to offer dance lessons to the students. We will try to contact these people and make them aware of our organization.
- May 8th Prom and luncheon at Westcott DayHab: A dance demonstration of ballroom dance, probably waltz or foxtrot will be provided.
- Planning 2008 dance weekends
 - Hazel & Tybaldt possibly October 24th, 25th and 26th, 2008: We just need to draft and sign a contract as Hazel has verified their availability.
 - Halloween dance 2008, Saturday night, October 25th, Ukrainian Home: We will not offer a lesson before the dance since there will be lessons Friday night and during the day on both Saturday and Sunday from Hazel & Tybaldt.
 - Mike Topel: We will ask for his availability for February 14th, 2009, which is a Saturday.

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 2nd, 2:00 pm at Rosalie's house, 203 Kenwick Drive, Syracuse, 13203.