

SSDS Fun Business Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 2, 2008, 2pm

Rosalie's house, 203 Kenwick Drive, Syracuse, NY 13203

Attendance: Rosalie, Mary Ellen, Stacey, Alice, Deb, Jack, Isaias

1. Old Business

- Weekly dance 8:30 to 11 PM, Knights of Columbus, 5976 East Taft Road: We've had good crews and crowds. There are usually two students for every regular dancer admitted. There were eight new people at last Thursday's dance. Some are coming from Watertown since they've lost their regular dance venue. We'll continue to offer verbal announcements and keep them short. At one time we used to display an announcement board (wipeboard) and we may do this again. It could be used to display available volunteer/door duty slots.
- Sound System/Cabinet Keys
- February 14th, Valentine's Day dance with rumba lesson at 10pm by Maria. Everybody was up and taking the lesson, went well. Nice group lesson and opportunity to learn something different.

2. Publicity

- K of C new venue flyer: There are about 20 copies left for display at KofC.
- Newspaper calendars: Sunday Stars Magazine, Neighbors, Thursday Weekend, Syracuse New Times
- Internet advertising: Syracuse.com, Jumpsocial.com events listing editor's choice
 - Follow up with National FastDance Association inquiry: Still communicating with Bill Maddox and comparing insurance/license fees.
- Mailed flyers for Cordoba/Szekely, Strom/Staffeld and picnic July 31st.
- We are ordering a new banner from Halfpricebanners.com and it should arrive before March 15th parade day.
- Syracuse Newspapers advertisement for "Swing dance week, April 4th – 12th". We will send press releases listing the daily activities available. We might also purchase a paid advertisement.

3. Financial Report

4. Upcoming Events

- Saturday, March 15th, Saint Patrick's Day Parade: Mary Ellen contacted Janet Higgins sent application with \$10, 12 people, two vehicles.
- Swing week April 4th through 12th
- Robert Cordoba/Deborah Szekeley teaching WCS at the Syracuse Ukranian Home, April 4th, 5th and 6th, 2008
- SU Skybarn dance event arranged by Stefani for 7-10pm either April 4th or April 8th. Mary Ellen will contact Stefani to confirm the date. Free admission with volunteer deejays.
- No events listed yet for Monday, April 7th and Wednesday, April 9th. Will inquire if Guzman's studio has events already planned.
- Tuesday, April 8th is Lynn Miller's weekly class taught at Jamesville-Dewitt Middle School. He said this is a "catch-all" week which is open to anyone that may have missed one of their series classes.
- Peter Strom/Ramona Staffeld teaching beginning Lindy class at Dancelovers Dance, Knights of Columbus, East Taft road, Friday, April 11th, 2008. We will provide Peter's and Ramona's dinner that night. Stacey has booked their hotel rooms.
- Peter Strom/Ramona Staffeld teaching Lindy Hop workshops with dance and pizza at the Syracuse Ukranian Home Saturday, April 12th, 2008. We need volunteers to transport sound system to UK home. We will provide and sell water. Need volunteers for door duty, Rosalie and Alice to help.
- May 8th Prom and luncheon at Westcott DayHab Deb and Dan will dance a demonstration of waltz and/or foxtrot.
- Arrowhead Lodge 2008 Picnic Thursday, July 31, 2008.
- Halloween dance 2008, Saturday night, October 25th, Ukranian Home, no lesson before the dance.
- Holiday dance, Thursday, December 11th, 2008.

5. New Business, Other Business

- Hockey Crunch game demo: Mary Ellen still trying to collect details, waiting for their response.
- Dance instruction at area schools
- Planning 2008/2009 dance weekends

- Hazel & Tybaldt possibly October 24th, 25th and 26th, 2008
- Mike Topel is available, Saturday, February 14th, 2009. Yes, lets try to arrange for a whole weekend of workshops.
- Friday, March 14th, Survival Jitterbug lesson by Mark Johnson and SSDS volunteers at Hudson Hall, First Presbyterian Church.

Next Meeting: Sunday April 27th at 1pm, Tania's house 5534 South Salina Street.