

SSDS Fun Business Meeting Minutes

Mike and Alice's house, 243 Buckingham Avenue, Sunday, July 27th at 11am.

Attendance: Alice, Mike, Kris, Stacey, Rosalie, MaryEllen, Maria

1. Old Business

- Weekly Thursday night dance 8:30 to 11 PM, Knights of Columbus, 5976 East Taft Road. July average weekly attendance was 31 students and 31 regulars; Total of 62 people. Door money collected in July averaged \$233 after giving Fred \$20 tip for staying late. We saw surprisingly good attendance throughout July. Fred told us that the floors will be refinished last week of September, first three days of October, so there will be no dance Thursday, October 2nd. We've new people every week and they are coming from outside of Syracuse area.
- Summer temperatures, electric fans, paper fans Rosalie brought two fans to the KofC July 17th and we used them that night. We have one box of 75 paper fans stored above our cabinet at KofC. We have one partial box of about 60 fans for use at the picnic this coming Thursday. Fred has been keeping the AC on and trying to cool the room for us. We should try to keep the front doors closed when the air conditioning is on.
- Sound system/deejay rotation: Sound system is in good shape. DJ rotation is working fine.
- Buying new music: Greg and the deejays will work together to purchase new music. We need to catalog our current music library before buying any new songs. We have four weeks before our September 4th dance and we can catalog these songs during this time. Music purchased would belong to SSDS and be stored on the deejay's computer. Music can be purchased from I-tunes or Amazon, and must not violate copyright law. We might purchase debit cards for each deejay or link an account to I-tunes.
- Review July 24th Nametag night/DanceCard game. We gave away four movie tickets, two leaders, two followers. Some people do not like wearing the name tag. We will continue to have nametag night one week per month. Some of the nametags fall off the clothing and are found on the floor or stuck to other objects. We have currently 500 nametags in our inventory.
- Review of Robert Cordoba/Deborah Szekely WCS weekend April 4-6th at Syracuse Ukranian Home: We need a list of volunteers that helped with this weekend event.

2. Publicity

- SSDS weekly dance flyer & business cards. We still need business cards. Our yellow weekly dance flyer has the wrong phone number 434-9043. We should print new ones. Our correct phone number for SSDS is 434-9503. Mary Ellen will print labels with the correct phone number so that we can still use the flyers that we currently have.
- SSDS banner: We display the banner facing west each Thursday night during the dance. The back of the banner is blank and it would be nice to display our name and website also facing east. We may order some Bandit signs to display. We might also order Magnets with our SSDS logo. Mary Ellen will search for the best pricing for these products and report results during next meeting, August 17th.
- SSDS tee shirts: We have sold no tee shirts in July so far.
- Syracuse Newspapers: The “dance” section of the Sunday Stars doesn’t always include our weekly dance. We did not cancel the listing for August issues as it is difficult to get them to print on a regular basis. If we cancel our listing, it will likely take a long time to get it back on their calendar.
- www.syrswingdance.org: Our hosting and domain name are paid up.
- SSDS listserv and announcements: Issued every Wednesday.
- Internet advertising
 - www.syracusebusinesslist.com
 - National FastDance Association

3. Financial Report:

4. Upcoming Events

- Arrowhead Lodge 2008 Picnic Thursday, July 31, 2008: We have some plastic utensils, Styrofoam plates & cups left over from the last holiday party. Mary and Greg stored them for us, thank you. There is enough there for the picnic so we just need to buy charcoal, food, and ice. Mary Ellen will do the shopping. We also have cases of water left from the June dance weekend, so we do not have to purchase soda. Can Isik will bring sound equipment and deejay with his computer. The lodge will be available for use starting at 4pm and we have until 10pm plus one hour for cleaning up the hall. We will be recycling plastic water bottles.
- August Summer Break returning Thursday, September 4th
- Halloween dance 2008, Saturday night, October 25th, Syracuse Ukrainian Home, 1317 West Fayette Street: Deejay dance, no band.

- Hazel & Tybaldt Ulrich teaching October 24-26th: We may arrange for just two days of dance instruction, leaving Sunday free for private lessons. The flyer should be ready before our next meeting in August.
- Holiday dance, Thursday, December 11th, 2008 Knights of Columbus

5. **New Business, Other Business**

- Dance instruction at area schools
- Mike Topel February 13th, 14th and 15th 2009: We have mock-up schedule. Deborah working with Mike for workshop titles. Still need to confirm venue.
- Monthly dances for WCS/Hustle at smaller local venues
- Corcoran High School Band Dance at Corcoran High School Gym: Leigh Scheuerman is working with the Corcoran High School music students to coordinate and produce this dance/fundraiser. It would be on a weekend night in mid-October or early November.
- Dance venue Camillus Town Hall Gymnasium must be out by 9pm. Nothing is being organized.
- October 2nd no K of C dance as they are refinishing the floor. Possible alternative venues for weekly dance could be UKHome or Arrowhead lodge.

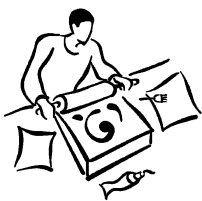
When is our next mailing to advertise fall events? Hopefully first week of September, following Labor Day.

Next Meeting date, time, place: August 17th, 12noon at Alice & Mike's house.

List of things to do:



Greg, Maria and Mary Ellen need to meet for financial review of Mario Robau June 6-8th, 2008 workshop weekend.



Greg to print new SSDS business cards.



Steve and Mary Ellen will finalize Hazel/Tybaldt October weekend details and produce flyer for printing before August 17th meeting.



Steve, Stacey and Kris will create spreadsheet catalog of all SSDS music we currently own so that deejays will not purchase duplicates.



Mary Ellen will provide pricing for printing bandit signs and magnets.