

SSDS Fun Business Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 28th, 2008, 1:00pm

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

Attendance: Can Isik, Stacey White, Rosalie Neri, Deb Smith, John Mancuso, Isaias Banagas, Greg Boyer, Steve Ryan, Mary Ellen Datta, Maria Cirino, Alice Chico

1. Old Business

- Weekly dances resumed September 4th at Knights of Columbus. At the close of last Thursday's dance, there were two empty Budweiser beer bottles found on the tables near the bathrooms. The Knights of Columbus does not sell this type of beer. We will strive to be more observant and watch the folks coming in so this doesn't happen again. No outside beverages may be brought into the dance with the exception of water.
- Thursday, October 2nd, Knights of Columbus Hall is available. They cancelled their plans to refinish the floor.
- Sound system: Working fine.
- Music inventory and purchasing new music - Group discussion included the following items:
 - The music inventory is currently stored entirely on CDs. Steve has some of his own CDs mixed in with this collection. Steve has completed the spreadsheet for the WCS CDs and is currently working on the spreadsheet for the ECS/Lindy CDs.
 - SSDS now has an iTunes account. This account is linked to the SSDS debit account.
 - Discussion about purchasing new laptop and external storage device.
 - The laptop would be used for purchasing new music from internet sources
 - The laptop would also be useful for storing and cataloging our current music CD collection.
 - It would be possible to deejay using this new laptop
 - The external hard drive storage device could be stored in the cabinet with the other sound equipment.
 - Some questions we need to answer: Where would the computer be stored when it's not being used? In the cabinet? Take it home? Who would be responsible for it?
 - Would the external hard drive work with more than one laptop?

- Discussion about preferences for deejaying with CDs compared with deejaying with a laptop computer.
 - More people felt comfortable using CDs
 - Using a computer is a little risky and much is dependant on the user's skill. It is possible to delete files by mistake.
- Discussion about deejaying using an iPod. Using an iPod to deejay is easier when there are playlists already created. The iPod software makes it difficult to "sync" with more than one computer.
- Group discussion about buying new music from online sources using our own personal computers
 - The purchase could be paid for using the SSDS debit account
 - The purchased music file would remain on that person's computer and he/she would make a CD copy for the SSDS collection
 - iTunes software does not let the user keep two separate iTunes collections on the same computer. This means that SSDS music would be stored and mixed in with the user's personal collection
 - It is possible that duplicate purchases may occur if we fail to communicate effectively. There might be some Google or Yahoo programs that let us share an online file folder.
- Discussion will continue via e-mail communications.

2. Publicity

- Labor Day mailing: Deb did a great job getting the flyers printed and processed in a timely manner. This mailing included the Halloween flyer, Holiday flyer, Hazel/Tybaltd flyer.
- SSDS weekly dance flyer: We still have about 80 copies
- SSDS business cards: We have some stored with the SSDS t-shirts
- SSDS banner: It was not possible to hang the banner for the last two weeks. The Knights of Columbus have placed their portable sign in the space we normally use to hang our banner between the signposts.
- SSDS tee shirts: We sold one tee shirt in September.
- Syracuse Newspapers: Our ad was not in today's paper (Stars) but it was in last week and the previous week's listing.
- Internet advertising
 - www.syrswingdance.org
 - SSDS listserv and announcements

- Photos for SSDS website: Anyone can maintain the photos on our website. The instructions aren't very difficult. Can is willing to spend time (about half an hour) to teach anyone willing to do it.

3. Financial Report

- Summary of June 6-8th Mario Robau workshop weekend

4. Upcoming Events

- Hazel & Tybaldt Ulrich WCS/Hustle weekend October 24th & 25th at Syracuse Ukrainian Home. Their flights are booked. We still need to reserve the hotel room. Dan Herman will arrange private lesson schedule. Sunday's private lessons will most likely be at a dance studio, not at the UKHome.
- Decorating party 2:45 – 4:00pm, Saturday, October 25th
- Holiday dance, Thursday, December 11th, 2008 Knights of Columbus. Light food and snacks.
- Mike Topel February 13th, 14th and 15th 2009: Preliminary class schedule prepared. Still need a contract signed or verbal agreement. The hall is confirmed. Mary Ellen spoke with Nick Lucak and that weekend is booked for our group. If we have to cancel due to bad weather, we will hold the same event on an alternate weekend.
- Thursday, August 6th, 2009, Arrowhead Lodge picnic. This reservation has been paid for in full.

5. New Business, Other Business

- Dance instruction at area schools
- Corcoran High School Band Dance at Corcoran High School Gym: Still waiting for date confirmation and event details
- Portable sign for roadside advertising

Next Meeting date, time, place: 1:00pm, Sunday, November 2nd, 2008, at Mary Ellen's house, 304 Roe Avenue, Syracuse, NY, 13210, 413-5017

Action list:

Music discussion will continue via email.



Topel contract will be drafted and signed as soon as



possible.