

SSDS Fun Business Meeting Minutes

7:00pm, Sunday, December 7th, 2008

Greg's House, 103 Croyden Road, Syracuse, NY, 13224

Attendance: Greg, Mary, Rosalie, Alice, Mike, Isaias, Deb, Mary Ellen

1. Old Business

- Thursday dances at Knights of Columbus: Head count ranges from 66 to 49 people attending the weekly dance. Dances feel like there's lots of energy. The deejay rotation schedule is working well.
 - Venue discussion about staying at K of C versus moving to downtown location. Centro Connective Corridor Thursday service provides free transportation between University Hill and downtown.
 - No weekly Thursday night dance November 27th (Thanksgiving)
 - No weekly Thursday dances on December 25th, January 1st.
- New 8:00pm starting time for January 8th, 2009. We will survey our dance patrons over the next two weeks. There will be three options to choose from:
 - Dance 8:00 – 10:30pm with no price change
 - Dance 8:00 – 11:00 pm with possibly higher price
 - Dance 8:30 – 11pm with no price change.
- Sound system: Our CD mixer is showing some delay in recognizing CDs. The problem occurs with the CD player on the right. Working with the CD mixer can be frustrating when the CD doesn't play, creating a long silent pause. Discussion about buying new mixer equipment. Discussion about renting equipment to Geno Aurelli, who is starting to arrange Saturday night dances at the K of C venue. We will ask Can to purchase new mixer to replace the unit that is not working properly. We do not feel it is necessary to spend more for a mixer that will play mp3 discs.
- Music inventory and purchasing new music
 - SSDS iTunes account: We have purchased two songs.
 - External hard drive/storage device: We have no external hard drive or storage device at this time. The two songs are in iTunes format on Mary Ellen's laptop computer.
 - New music transport/transfer method: Mary Ellen burned a disc for Steve to use at the dance November 20th.
 - Google Spreadsheet: www.docs.google.com "musicssds." This is a six-page spreadsheet of the SSDS music inventory. The sheets are labeled "iTunes, Wishlist, IndexWCS, WCS, IndexECS/Lindy, and

ECS/Lindy.” Deejays can view + edit while others can view only.
You must sign in to access the spreadsheet.

2. Publicity

- SSDS weekly dance flyer: we have about fifty left for display at K of C.
- SSDS business cards: currently stored in the bag with the tee shirts.
- SSDS banner: We have not been using the banner for weekly Thursday night dance as it is dark by 5pm.
- SSDS tee shirts: We have sold no tee shirts. The big black bag is now being stored in the cabinet at Knights of Columbus
- Syracuse Newspapers: Weekly dance not often included in listings
- Internet advertising
 - www.syrswingdance.org
 - SSDS listserv and announcements: operating fine and up to date.
 - Photos for SSDS website: Halloween photos from Anna Reguero are on SSDS website.

3. Financial Report: Weekly dances break even. They used to make some profit which covered expenses like insurance and BMI, etc. See executive committee for details.

4. Upcoming Events

- Holiday dance, 6 – 11pm, Thursday, December 11th, 2008. This will be a cocktail party with light snacks and finger food, dance music all through the evening. Possible choreography performance by Steve’s Rochester class.
 - Deb and Crystal have created a poster using Word Cloud format of Volunteer’s names for display during the dance.
 - Deb ordered SSDS logo Shoebags for prizes (six bags) to be given to volunteers. There will be a drawing to select winners.
 - Decorations: We will meet at 6:00pm, K of C, to help Deb carry in all the boxes and decorate the hall.
 - Deb will order pizza. Some people signed up to bring food (stuffed mushrooms, cheese/meat platter, cream puffs).
 - We will have the dance card game with prizes awarded at 10:30pm.
- Mike Topel February 13th, 14th and 15th 2009.
 - Mike signed and returned the contract to Mary Ellen

- Mike has the option of booking the flight himself and getting reimbursed up to the amount of \$500 or he can give us the flight information and we will make the reservation and pay for it.
- The Ukrainian hall February 14th & 15th reservation has been confirmed by Mary Ellen with Nikola Luzak who asked for no down payment. The cost will be \$28/hour to use the hall.
- We printed 1000 flyers on lilac-colored paper. Envelopes containing 50 flyers each were packaged and are currently stored in the cabinet at K of C. Flyer packets were distributed October 25th weekend to Ithaca (Rich Curtis), Binghamton (Tony Farrand) and Ottawa (Louise Gour took three packets). Some flyers may have gone to Rochester during the November 22nd John Lindo weekend.
- Thursday, August 6th, 2009, Arrowhead Lodge picnic
- Halloween Dance, Saturday, October 31st, 2009, Ukrainian Home

5. New Business, Other Business

- Dance instruction at area schools
- SU Swing Dance Club dance took place on Friday, December 5th. SSDS provided the CD player and DJ (Can Isik). It was well attended and all had a good time.

Next Meeting date, time, place: Sunday, February 1st, Rosalie's house, 2pm.



Yes, February 1st is Superbowl Sunday.
The game is scheduled to start at 6pm.

To do list:



Mary Ellen will contact Sam Ghalchi.



Can will shop for CDmixer.



Deejays will evaluate Google Doc spreadsheet



We will all help publicize the February WCS Topel Weekend.