

SSDS Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 5th, 7:00pm, at Panera Bread Company, Cicero.

Attendance: Mary Ellen, Isaias, Alice, Michael, Maria, Can.

1. Old Business

- Thursday dances at St. Clare Theater: September 10th, 17th, 24th, 30th. Attendance has been about 40 people. The floor at the St. Clare Theater has been refinished with a sticky sealing compound and the surface is very difficult to dance on. Many people are unhappy and do not want to dance there now. We will inquire about the availability of Ballybay hall and Pasttime club for Thursday nights. Polish Home involves too much set up work. Ukrainian Home would require moving away from Thursday nights. Open discussion about safety concerns, parking, various features of the different facilities and relative locations, cabinet storage and guarantee for availability of every Thursday.
- Sound system: We have a functioning CD player but we have no back up unit. Can checked new CD players currently available in our price range. He also found someone that sells spare parts. The back up unit needs two CD drives replaced. Cost will be about \$60 each. Can volunteered to take care of this.
- Volunteer incentives: SSDS membership is and always has been free. To encourage new people to start volunteering, we discussed a tiered pricing schedule that would allow people that volunteer to pay less admission. There would be three tiers, free membership to anyone who wants to be a member and they would be expected to volunteer for six work shifts. In return for their time, they would pay lower admission price of \$3 for the weekly dance. Dance students would still receive a discount of \$1, so they would pay \$4 and regular admission would remain at \$5. Keeping track of volunteer schedules and time worked would be too complicated.

2. Publicity:

- We need to print more dance flyers for our Thursday dance. We haven't printed any because we were not sure about the venue status. If we move away from St. Clare, there are several internet directories that will need to be updated.
- Publicity Officer: We would like to enlist a volunteer to coordinate all of our publicity efforts. This position would require someone with knowledge of computers and internet. In return for their volunteer time, they would receive free dance admission to weekly dances all year.

3. Financial Report

4. Upcoming Events

- Halloween Dance, Saturday, October 31st, 2009, Ukrainian Home. Hall is reserved. Halloween flyers were approved and Maria will order 300 copies from Staples. Admission price will be \$10. Dance starts at 9pm, concludes at 1pm. Costume contest with prizes. We will have pizza/decorating party before the dance. Volunteers that come early and help will also enjoy pizza. Door volunteers will receive free admission to the dance. Alice will make a sign up sheet for door volunteers.
- Holiday 2009 dance: December 10th, 2009 at the St. Clare Theater or whatever venue space we are currently using at that time.
- Mario Robau, Jr. in Syracuse, April 9-11th, 2010
- 2010 Picnic Arrowhead Lodge Thursday, July 29th, 2010. Confirmed and paid for by check.

5. New Business, Other Business

- Dance instruction at area schools.
- October 10th Breast cancer fundraiser to support Pink Ladies event. We will provide a jar for donations. Alice volunteered to bring pink ribbons to give to people who donate. Mary Ellen will print some of their flyers for display at the October 8th, weekly SSDS dance.
- Planning events for 2010

Next Meeting date, time, place: A day in November when Deb is not working, so we'll know after we hear from Deb.

Addendum:

Maria and Mary Ellen went to meet Dom at Pasttime club after the meeting. Dom showed the gymnasium. Pasttime club is a men's club and cannot guarantee continuous Thursday night availability since they give scheduling preference to their members. Dom said that Sunday nights would allow for the most availability but still not guaranteed. Price was not established. Dom said their board meeting would be held on the next day, Tuesday, and he would bring this item up for discussion. Dom suggested that we contact St. John's across the street about possibly renting their gymnasium for our needs. Father John Warner would be the contact person there.

Gus (Ballybay owner) never returned Mary Ellen's phone call. Will try again tomorrow.

Mary Ellen checked Arrowhead lodge availability: Many Thursday evenings are already booked. There are some open Thursdays: October 8th, November 5th, 12th, December 3rd, 10th.

The Bob Cecile center on Seneca Tpk is a city park property. It's not booked online. I'll try to go there in person tomorrow or telephone. One price listed a rate of \$40/hour for rental agreement. They host many activities for seniors including dancing. One photo looks like the couple might be dancing WCS.

I sent email to Sara to keep her informed about our concerns about the sticky floor. I usually mail the rent check on Monday or Tuesday so that it is received by Thursday. Obviously, I did not mail the check yet.

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