

## SSDS Meeting

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 3pm at Panera Bread Company, Cicero.

Attendance: Mary Ellen, Deb, Alice

### 1. Old Business

- Thursday dances at St. Clare Theater: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>. Dances fairly well attended. Not all the dance students have remembered to pay for dance admission. We should remind them to pay at the end of the dance lesson. We could use some more door duty volunteers. Some college students are coming but not every week. When they come they usually come in two carloads. Alice now has the extra key from Judy. The ice cooler has been leaking so we will no longer use the cooler + ice. Water will still be somewhat cool as it is transported in the trunk of a car and outdoor temperatures are fairly cool now. Water now costs 5 cents more per bottle for the deposit. We'll continue to offer water at the same price of 50 cents/bottle. Volunteers that help clean up can collect the money for returning the bottles.
- Cancelled October 8<sup>th</sup> dance. Floor had been refinished with sticky results and the repair work was being done October 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup>. This was also the fundraiser night for breast cancer awareness. We tried to find alternate venue to hold the Thursday night dance with no success.
- Sound system, Deejay rotation: Sound system is in good shape. We don't have a back-up CD player, so if there is a sign of a CD drive not working, we should buy a replacement and get a warranty plan for it.
- We would enjoy some new dance tunes if/when Michael feels like doing some shopping.
- Volunteer incentives: We will continue to remind people with announcements to help recruit volunteers.
- Extra six-packs of beer left over from a party offered to people of legal drinking age during the October 29<sup>th</sup> dance. There is no bar selling any beverages at this venue, so this is allowable.
- Sara has asked that we do not use any powder on the new floor surface. They are trying to offer the space for rent to other tenants and it doesn't look appealing if the powder is left on the floor.
- Review of October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween dance + decorating party at Ukrainian Home: Well attended, crowd had great energy with about 20 people still dancing at 1:00am. We had three DJ's with a good music variety. Cash awards for the top three costumes. Greg was a pro on the ladder, as usual. Some people brought snack foods and there was pizza for the people that

came early to help decorate. Volunteers were organized well. We will try to organize next year's Halloween party at that venue, probably Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## 2. Publicity

- Publicity Chairperson & committee: The position remains open. We are still looking for someone willing to work on a volunteer basis to help with our advertising needs.
- Printed flyers & business cards: We need dance flyers for display. We have just a few business cards left. Mary Ellen will order dance flyers and check with Greg about this plus order new business cards with the St. Clare venue on the back
- Internet: SSDS website + list
- US mail: we have not renewed our postal permit.

## 3. Financial Report: We are currently doing okay at this venue balancing income against expenses.

## 4. Upcoming Events

- Holiday 2009 dance: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the St. Clare Theater: Deborah will shop for needed supplies and prize incentives to give to our volunteers in recognition for their support. Alice volunteered to help with the set up and decorating for the party. Mary Ellen will print Holiday dance flyers for display at this Thursday's weekly dance using the same flyer we used last year with correct date, time. We need to check with Steve to determine if dance classes will be held that day. Dance admission will remain the regular price of \$5 or "bring a dish to share." The food should be finger food and snacks and everyone must remember to collect their dishes to take home at the end of the party. This is a "carry in/carry out" facility. There is no kitchen for food preparation and clean up. Beverages could be available with a volunteer bartender. No cans, probably two-liter bottles of soda with ice & cups. We would also need buffet attendants to help with set up & clean up. If people want pizza, we can certainly order some to be delivered. Games & prizes: Shoe bags were greatly appreciated and well liked last year. Deb will order more prizes for this year's party, probably more shoe bags or tote bags.
- Mario Robau, Jr. in Syracuse, April 9-11<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- 2010 Picnic Arrowhead Lodge Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Confirmed and paid for by check.

5. New Business, Other Business

- Dance instruction at area schools.
- Planning events for 2010
- Stacey White has offered her resignation from the SSDS board. This position is currently open. We are considering asking Michael if he might be interested.

Next Meeting date, time, place: Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 3pm at Panera Bread Company, Cicero.