

## SSDS Meeting Agenda

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 3pm at Panera Bread Company, Cicero.

Attendance: Barbara Roe, Deborah Smith, Maria Cirino, Jeff Wormald, Maria Paoff, Keith Chow, Kris Caspari, Mary Ellen Datta

### 1. Old Business

- Thursday dances at St. Clare Theater: February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup> (February 25<sup>th</sup> cancelled). We've been storing the lamps instead of leaving them out.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> & March 11<sup>th</sup> dance: Sticky floor conditions. The floor looks a little dirty. Some people have been using powder but they cleaned up after themselves. The floor was not mopped. There are spots on the floor that appear as though something sticky was spilled there and the dust has collected and adhered to that spot. The floor needs to be mopped, not just swept before we use it again this coming Thursday. Apparently, the Wednesday night dancers are also finding the floor sticky and using powder to remedy the problem. It is good that the space is being rented and used by other dance groups but it needs to be cleaned before our Thursday dance. We've spoken to Sara about this problem and seen no improvement. Barb will contact Sara and try to speak with her in person. The group had open discussion about our business relationship with St. Clare/Franciscan Ministeries and previous communications with Sara Caliva and David Mulherin.
- Sound system is in good working order thanks to Can Isik who replaced some speaker parts.
- Volunteer incentives: We encourage people to volunteer so that they can be rewarded in some way, usually free admission to the dance.
- Alternate venues will be researched and reviewed during our next meeting.
  - Driver's Village: Eric and Mary Ellen went to Driver's Village Auto Mall to scout for possible space(s). Large space, at least twice the size of Ballybay. Price for rental is monthly. Concrete floor would need wood floor installed over it. Our weekly Thursday dance income would not cover the entire cost of rent. Using this venue would require volunteer workers to manage the space, find other tenants to share the cost. Parking is not ideal. The mall regulations may require that everyone must leave by 10pm.
  - Polish Home on Teall Ave.: need contact info.
  - Pasttimes Club; Possibly Isaias would represent SSDS

- Cecile Community center: Mary Ellen will call for pricing and availability.
- Ukrainian Home Thursday availability
- Schools? City? County? Need contact person and info. We would need proof of insurance, possibly a free venue if we offer a free lesson.
- St. Vincent's gymnasium was used for Diane Nardone event several years ago.
- Ladies night: We did not offer a "Ladies' night" on February 25<sup>th</sup> because the dance was cancelled that day. We feel that if the floor surface improves, attendance will improve. We will focus our efforts on improving the floor surface right now.

## 2. Publicity

- Barb submitted advertising to online resources, Syracuse NewTimes.
- Mary Ellen will order business cards

## 3. Financial Report

## 4. Upcoming Events

- Mario Robau, Jr. in Syracuse, April 9-11<sup>th</sup>, 2010
  - Kris printed 600 flyers. Packets have been given to Ottawa, Toronto, Rochester, and more will be mailed out tomorrow to Ithaca and other places. Three registrations so far and a couple requests for private lessons. Mario booked his own flight and we need to make hotel reservation. Deb will coordinate the dance + volunteers. Connie will coordinate refreshments. We should probably display some dance competition videos to help advertise the weekend.
- 2010 Picnic Arrowhead Lodge Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010: Reservation is paid, we'll create a new flyer using the old one and change the date. Green color is okay
- Halloween Dance, Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## 5. New Business, Other Business

- Jennifer Lyons: Check availability for Halloween weekend or fall WCS weekend.
- Antoinette Giancursio: We will not be inviting Antoinette to teach April 29<sup>th</sup>. Steve is teaching during the time slots from 6pm-8:30pm. Arranging for someone to teach on Sunday after a weekend competition would not be a

good idea. Many competition finals are held on Sunday of the dance weekend.

- Plan to arrange for a guest instructor April 29<sup>th</sup> to teach a 45 minute lesson starting at 8:30pm and ending at 9:15pm. There could also be a guest deejay for that evening. Cost for this lesson would be included with normal dance admission. Open discussion by the group with conclusion to pursue this idea on a trial basis. Mary Ellen and/or Maria will contact Andre Danis & Donnie Neron.

Next Meeting date, time, place: April 25<sup>th</sup>, 3pm, Panera Bread Company, East Circle Drive, North Syracuse.