

Minutes from SSDS meeting Sunday, November 20th, 2011.
3pm, Panera Bread Company, Erie Blvd.

Attendance: Can Isik, Mary Ellen Datta, Greg Boyer, Isaias Banegas, Steve Ryan, Lydia Perez, Jeff Wormald, Maria Paoff.

1. Financial Report: See Greg or Mary Ellen for details.
2. Unfinished Business
 - Halloween dance summary: Decorations are stored with Mary Ellen. Greg has two boxes of wristbands. Expenses for flyers, rent, pizza. Income from door receipts and Maria reimbursed a portion of the rent cost. See Greg or Mary Ellen for details.
 - Weekly Dances/Deejay/Sound System is currently stored at the Ritz studio.
3. Publicity: SSDS weekly dance is not always found to be in the newspaper listings. Isaias volunteered to actively work toward getting our dances listed in the local Syracuse newspapers. Thank you very much Isaias.
4. Get well card for Teresa Aureli. Mary Ellen will deliver it to SUNY.
5. Venue discussion summary: Lengthy, in-depth discussion involving alternate possible venues, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly dances, moving to different day of the week. Conclusion: We will no longer offer weekly dances at Puttin' On The Ritz or any other venue. In consideration of the multiple dance opportunities in the Syracuse area, the group felt there is no longer a need for weekly Thursday SSDS dances. SSDS will take a two-month hiatus returning with a special 2012 debut "Leap Day" dance on Wednesday, February 29th, 2012, at the Syracuse Ukrainian Home. This introductory dance will be free admission. Free introductory dance lesson at 8:00pm, dance will start at 8:30pm. This dance will need volunteers and a flyer for advertisement, also using e-mail and Facebook. We will try scheduling monthly dances, rotating dates and venues and survey those who attend for their preferences. The monthly dance would not be scheduled in the same week as the InnComplete dances. Inn

Complete dances for 2012 are January 20th, February 17th, March 23rd and April 20th.

- Steve plans to continue teaching weekly lessons on Thursday at the Puttin' On The Ritz Studio.

6. Upcoming events:

- Holiday Dance at the InnComplete, 7pm, Wednesday, December 14th, 2011. Can will order the food. No outside food/beverage allowed. Cash bar/free admission.
- Leap Day dance, Wednesday, February 29th, 2012.
- SSDS Picnic 2012 Camp Brockway, date TBA.

7. Calendar notes regarding SSDS dance calendar/schedule.

- No SSDS dance Thursday, November 24th, 2011, Thanksgiving Day.
- No SSDS dance Thursday, December 15th, 2011, (day after Holiday party).
- There *will* be a dance on Thursday, December 22nd, 2011 at Puttin' On The Ritz studio 8:30-11pm. This will be last our regular dance of 2011.
- No SSDS dance on Thursday, December 29th, 2011.
- Regular weekly SSDS dances will not resume January 5th, 2012, as previously planned.
- The first SSDS dance event planned for 2012 will be on Wednesday, February 29th, 2012, at the Syracuse Ukrainian Home pending confirmation from Nikola Lucak.

8. New Business

- Rosalie Neri has resigned from SSDS board.
- Isaias Banegas has resigned from SSDS board.
- Nomination of Jeff Wormald and/or Maria Paoff

We wish to thank both Rosalie and Isaias for their commitment and service.

Next SSDS meeting, February 12, 2012, 3pm, Panera Bread Company, Cicero.

To Do List:

- Mary Ellen will contact Onondaga Parks Department for Camp Brockway availability for scheduling 2010 SSDS picnic.
- Isaias will persevere to advertise SSDS dance schedule in Syracuse Newspapers and other media such as e-mail and Facebook.
- Mary Ellen will contact Donna about the schedule changes for renting the Puttin' On The Ritz dance studio.
- Mary Ellen will contact Nikola Lucak regarding the February 29th, 2012 hall rental.
- Maria P. and Mary Ellen will formulate an easy survey to circulate during the Leap Day 2012 dance.