

Swing 'n' Country Board Meeting

August 23, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m..

Present: Jerry Kieras, Don Moeller, Rich Cooper, Deborah Sitter, Ingrid Dubman, Leah Noparstak, Gary LaForte, Holly Hayek, Tom Kostoff and Alisa Winkler.

Absent: Karen Saunders

Mission Statement was read by Tom.

Member Presentations

- ❖ None

President's Report

- ❖ It is important that all board members read the Action Item List when the minutes go out to review each board member's responsibilities.
- ❖ Committee Descriptions were either to be reviewed or written for new committees. Please have this completed by the next board meeting in September.

Treasurer's Report

- ❖ Leah moved/Don seconded that we accept the report. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- ❖ All committee heads involved with money needs for the club need to present their budget for 2012 at the next board meeting in September.

Secretary's Report

- ❖ Rich moved/Gary seconded that we accept the report. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Dance Camp Chicago

- ❖ Alfred Dahma has signed the contract for 2012 and 2013 DCC. Rich is sending in our deposit of \$2000.00 to the Waterford. Both years DCC will be held on the 4th weekend in February.
- ❖ The price of rooms will be \$80.00 for a king, \$89.00 for 2 beds, and \$75.00 for staff rooms.
- ❖ There will be no Saturday buffet.
- ❖ Friday night will have a "Strictly Swing" contest.

Happenings

- ❖ Holly has accepted the position of back-up to Judi for Constant Contact. Thank you Holly!

Special Events

- ❖ Tom is getting creative with the idea of a "Tropical Event" for our annual holiday party! Stay-tuned!

Operations

- ❖ Staffing has been sent out for the month of September.

Marketing

- ❖ Around 350 pictures were put together electronically for CDF. Thanks Alisa!
- ❖ Facebook has grown over 100 people. She will keep it only as the group and not going to do a "page" so there is no confusion.
- ❖ The Swing 'n' Country business card layout is done and was sent out to the board for review. Corrections that need to be made are the 2011 dates and the removal of the 5th week of the month "potential" dance dates.

Education

- ❖ All the monthly classes have been filled to the end of the year. Ingrid has contacted all the teachers for next year to get a signed contract back from each.
- ❖ Ingrid will send out a reminder to all of the teachers involved in our "MEET THE TEACHERS NIGHT" dance.
- ❖ Decorations are being collected for our "Pajama night" and our "Black & White Night" dances.

Hospitality

- ❖ Eighty (80) people attended our Ice Cream Social dance in July, bringing our expenses to \$97.96 with a cost of \$1.22 per person.

Music

- ❖ We would like to have some patriotic music played by our DJ on our November 11th dance in honor of our veterans. Gary will talk to the DJ for the nite.
- ❖ Discussion was held regarding the length of each song played at the dances, specifically 3 minutes vs. 2 minutes. It was decided to use the 3 minute length as our guideline.

Membership

- ❖ Our new schedule for SNC Membership is in place and has been advertised on our website and Constant Contact. It also was on display at our last dance.
- ❖ Jerry has made up a book of all our members showing the amount due September 1, 2011 for membership dues. At our September dance, three (3) people will be at the table to assist in collecting the monies due.

Volunteers

- ❖ Deborah has presented to the board a new description of our newly formed Volunteer Committee.

Community Outreach

- ❖ Gary has contacted Rose Simone at Victory Centre of Bartlett regarding a date to entertain the members of the supportive living and senior apartment community. Gary was told that their calendar is full thru the end of the year.

For the Good of the Club

- ❖ We discussed the new higher price for a reserved table of 10 at the Swing City Chicago which is \$890.00 (\$89.00 per person). A final decision will be made at our September meeting.

Next meeting is September 20, 2011.

Adjournment

Leah moved and Holly seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Deborah E. Sitter