

Swing 'n' Country Board Meeting

June 21, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m..

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

Absent: None

Mission Statement was read by Holly.

Member Presentations

- ❖ None

President's Report

- ❖ Alisa's email address has been changed to: fireonthefloor@gmail.com.
- ❖ It was discussed about where the Chicagoland Marketing/Display could possibly be. A good guess was that Judi and Bill might have it. Alisa will check with them.

Treasurer's Report

- ❖ At our last month's meeting, the motion was made and passed to put \$15,000.00 into a Certificate of Deposit to earn more interest. Rich looked into it and found that the interest that would be earned was .10%. He suggested we leave the monies in the checking account due to the small amount of gain we would get. Motion was made by Leah and seconded by Deborah to not move the \$15,000 to a CD. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- ❖ Ingrid moved/Karen seconded that we accept the report. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

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

Committee Reports

Dance Camp Chicago

- ❖ Mario is not available for 2012 DCC. Leah sent out an email to the committee with a list of names that would be alternative suggestions. The committee's top picks will be notified for their availability and cost.

Operations

- ❖ The wireless microphone is back and operating. There was a problem with the board inside for the output. Don got prices for a future replacement of the microphone.
- ❖ Don has taken the equipment home and reorganized it to consolidate many of the items so that we are carrying around less of the equipment.

Marketing

- ❖ Alisa has been advertising on Facebook about our monthly lessons and dances. We discussed the possibility of making a 'page' vs. a group on Facebook. Also discussed was the possibility of adding the rest of the board members on Facebook so more people can be invited.
- ❖ Alisa came up with many exciting ideas for future themes for dances. Stay-tuned!
- ❖ July's theme will be a summer picnic and August's theme will be an ice cream social.

Education

- ❖ In 2012, there are four months with 5th Fridays. We will keep the dates open for the months of March, June, and August but will eliminate the November date with Joanne (Franklin Park Park District).
- ❖ Plans are underway for next year to have a "MEET YOUR TEACHERS NIGHT" where the teachers will become our Dance Angels. Stay-tuned!
- ❖ Thank yous are being extended to all of our teachers for this past season: Angie Cameron, Mario Robau, Jeff Sanchez, Julie Hein, Don Leynes, Don Macdonald, Alisa Winkler, Nancy Tuzzolino, Soleman Krebs, Hania Richmond, Bev Solazzo, Maren Oslac and Jill Powers.

Hospitality

- ❖ We had 158 attendees for our June dances.
- ❖ We discussed the possibility of recruiting door greeters. Don is going to add this position to the spreadsheet that is sent out to all board members for purposes of signing up to help. He also recommended that we add a column to the member database for volunteering. When members pay their annual membership fee, they can be asked if they would want to volunteer.

Membership Drive

- ❖ At our May meeting, Leah passed out a new schedule for SNC Membership. We were all supposed to review it and bring comments to the June meeting. The board needed another month to review the materials. It was tabled until our July meeting.
- ❖ To review briefly, the pro-rating procedures will get everyone changed over to having their annual membership fee being due in September with no cost increase.

Life Membership

- ❖ Discussion was held regarding allowing spouses of Life members in for free. Karen moved and Leah seconded that spouses of Life members will not be admitted freely. One abstained and one opposed. Motion carried.

Volunteers

- ❖ Deborah has recruited one new volunteer this past month, bringing our total to 9. We will keep recruiting to get the list a little bigger.

Dance Angels

- ❖ It was suggested to consider recruiting Dance Angels in “Happenings”, along with having the board members that work the table ask people as they come in if they are interested in being a dance angel for the evening.
- ❖ Dance Angels earn 2 points for 1 hour and should not be dancing with each other.
- ❖ It was suggested that all board members ask at least 2 people to dance that are sitting along the walls. This would increase the effect of “Dance Angels”.

For the Good of the Club

- ❖ The board went into closed session.

Next meeting is July 19, 2011.

Adjournment

There was no motion to adjourn. A storm came thru the area which shut off the electricity. We continued our meeting until the management of “Anyways” said we had to leave as their emergency lighting was going to go out shortly.

Respectively submitted,

Deborah E. Sitter