

Swing'n'Country Board Meeting
November 12, 2007

Present: Rich Cooper, Alfred Dahma, Julie Hein, Amy Kaawa, Susie Kaplan, Leah Noparstak, Tobi Oberman, Roger Peterson, Tina Reitz

Guest: Brian Wong

Brian presented his view of dancing in the Chicago area:

1. offered to help SNC with marketing
2. noted that the number of people competing at UCWDC World Championships is down drastically
3. wants to revitalize the number of country competitors via the active pros
4. plans to host a dance a month, probably on the second Saturday, with a country room and a swing room; cost to be the same as other clubs
5. presented a handout of his proposed dance
6. requested support from SNC for his monthly dance

(Note: Guidelines for visitors at meetings is currently under discussion.)

Secretary's Report

It was moved (Amy) and seconded (Tina) that the minutes be approved as corrected. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation acknowledged SNC's donation of \$119. (Report this in Happenings.)

It was moved (Tina) and seconded (Amy) that the Treasurer's report be approved. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Education

It was moved (Tobi) and seconded (Tina) that the cost of non-member weekly lessons be raised from \$12.50 to \$13.00, effective in November. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Note: changes need to be made in Happenings, on forms, and on the calendar.

Operations

No report

Alfred is investigating purchasing a lighter boom box.

Marketing

Planning for dinner/dance is going well.

Ken will DJ

The Board will sit at the registration table.

Note in Happenings that the Board subsidizes dinner by about \$10/plate.

Membership/Renewal

Amy took Board members through a Power Point presentation outlining the database as it is being designed in Access.

Amy will send out renewal notices via e-mail, if we have that information; otherwise, snail mail will be used.

New Board Positions

It was moved (Julie) and seconded (Tobi) that Don Bright and Penny Rusch be accepted by acclamation as Board members who will finish out the current Board term.

By-Laws

By-laws that are posted on the website are not current.

It was moved (Leah) and seconded (Susie) that they remain on the website until new by-laws can be reconstituted. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Don Bright will be asked to chair the by-laws committee.

Dances

It was moved (Tobi) and seconded (Roger) that Susie remain in charge of the current Dance Angels program (i.e. the program as it was run prior to the October proposal).

The program will be re-evaluated at the end of the current Board term. Yes: Rich, Alfred, Julie, Amy, Susie, Leah, Tobi, Roger; No: none; Abstain: Tina. Motion carried.

Susie invites the Board to contact her directly with any concerns about the Dance Angels program.

Tina will try to get new armbands made by the Lutheran women.

Rich will check past expenses to determine what a reasonable amount for refreshments would be.

Lighting and decor

\$984 bid for rheostat lighting at CNP. Roger will tell Joann no thanks.

We will use a combination of circuit breakers to achieve more effecting lighting. Roger and Alfred will work together on this.

Alfred will investigate additional lighting.

Theme

will focus mainly on food and drink

Elizabeth gets comped into dances

January theme: Step into the New Year with SNC

Used clothing sale will be in March (spring cleaning theme)

Education

Second Friday lesson is a go, according to the survey.

Tentative schedule for second Friday:

January: Mario

February: DDC

March: ECS?

April: 18th (TBA)

May: 16th (TBA)

Alfred suggested that as we integrate the new database on our new computer (ahem!!), we establish a practice of providing ~10 clipboards to allow people to fill out paperwork while they wait. We will discuss further how to minimize paperwork as we begin to use the computer.

Survey

Incredibly positive responses; significant number of comment

Note in Happenings that there will be a link to the website and that the survey will be done twice a year.

Happenings

Include weather cancellation policy.

Note link to survey on website.

Note change in price of single, non-member lesson.

Note subsidy by Board of cost of dinner at holiday dance.

Note new Board members.

Note survey schedule as twice yearly.

(Note: this writer feels that the Happenings editor who also sits on the Board is being

picked on. Sheesh!)

Website

We need to find a new host. Roger recommended that we go forward with Microsoft Front Page at \$12/month. This will not change our website address.

It was moved (Roger) and seconded (Tina) that Roger be authorized to find a new website host at a cost of no more than \$12/month. Vote was unanimous.

Motion carried.

It was moved (Roger) and seconded (All) that the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 pm. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Next meeting will be held on Monday, 12/10, at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Mr. Prospect.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Hein
Secretary