

SSDS Fun Business Meeting Minutes

Sunday, December 2, 2007, 2 PM

Dan's house, 15 Carol drive Camillus 13031, 450-6775

Attendance: Dan, Rosalie, Mike, Isaias, Greg, Stacey, Deb

Agenda:

1. Old Business

- Weekly dance 8:30 to 11 PM, Knights of Columbus, 5976 East Taft Road
 - Many people commented that they liked that several tables were removed. Made more room to dance.
 - What will we do for the holiday dance, WRT tables v. dance space? We need to contact the KOC bartender to tell him to leave the tables for the Holiday Dance. **Isaias to ask the bartender about allowing us take down tables after dinner.**
 - Follow-up: Isaias spoke with Fred Goodson, the bartender. Fred said that he would have the tables set-up by 5:30, and that he would take them down for us whenever we were ready after dinner, and that he would welcome our help with their removal.
 - Discussed how we pay the Bar Tender the \$50 & \$20. Need to confirm how these sums are getting paid. The math doesn't add up.
- Sound System/cabinet keys
 - Sound system moved and we have enough keys.
 - Does the extreme cold affect the sound system?
 - **Ask Steve and Can if they think the extreme cold is an issue.**
 - Follow-up: Can said that in general, the extreme cold temperatures should not effect the equipment. The CD player is the most vulnerable to the cold, however, the heat generated by the amplifier and CD player's power supply quickly warm the player prior to playing, reducing the possibility for harm. Extreme heat and moisture are the bigger dangers. However, during times of extreme heat, if it's not too hot to dance, the equipment will be okay as long as there is enough ventilation around the equipment.
 - **Deb to check with her expert resource.**
- Review of Thanksgiving dance November 22nd
 - Around 20 attendees attended Thanksgiving Dance.
 - Attendees voiced wonder at the sparse number of attendees.

2. Publicity

- New venue flyer
 - Greg made the flyer and made 100 copies. He believes delivered them to Mary Ellen.
- Sign at Ballybay advertising our new location.
 - Stacey delivered and posted two signs at Ballybay. She will check to see if they are still there and if there have been any inquiries at the bar about the SSDS dance location.
- Syracuse Newspaper, Sunday Stars and Thursday weekend edition.
 - Dan contacted the paper (Thursday & Stars) and we're to be listed for the next six months. He will follow up with the Post Standard and New Times.

3. Financial Report

- At Ballybay, January through October the hop generated \$2900 in income and paid out \$1900
- At KOC, it costs approximately \$850 per month, and it seems that the hop generates an average income of \$200 per week. Seems like we're netting about \$200 per month.
- Paid Steve for teaching at SU. **Need to confirm if the payment is for only two semesters – last spring and this fall only. SU to pay after that.**

Follow-up and clarification of the SU-SSDS agreement:

SSDS agreed to support swing dance at SU for two semesters. Currently SU is analyzing attendance to determine if they will continue to offer swing classes on their own. If SU is undecided after their analysis, the SSDS will consider other ideas to encourage SU to continue to provide swing dance classes to SU students.

- **How many SU students are taking the class? How successful have the classes been?**

Here is Steve's comments on the number of students in his SU class:

"I have 12 students this semester and had 16 last semester. SU's administration has failed twice to get the class in the booklet. I have talked to SU and they tell me that they put in a request for my class for January. "

4. Upcoming Events

- SU Skybarn dance
 - Around 50 people attended the dance

- Everyone seemed to have a good time
 - December 6th Holiday Dance.
 - To be catered by Dominick's.
 - \$10 for dinner and dance; only \$5 if people arrive after the food service is finished.
 - Arrowhead Lodge 2008 Picnic Thursday, July 31, 2008.
 - Since we reserved it for all day, do we want to hold games and other activities?
5. New Business, Other Business
- Dance instruction at area school
 - No one had any comments.
 - Planning 2008 dance weekends
 - Peter Strom and Ramona, April 11 & 12, 2008
 - i. Yes, we'll bring in Peter and Ramona and hold the event.
 - ii. Discussed the following with Peter:
 1. He and Ramona would teach one ninety minute beginner lindy class on Friday, and then four 75-90 minute classes on Saturday. There would be no classes offered on Sunday.
 2. We will hold a dance Friday and Saturday.
 3. Total estimated costs to bring in both Peter and Ramona are \$3000; we do not expect to break even with this event.
 - iii. Will provide a free beginner lindy less at the Sky Barn on Friday
 - iv. Instead of a Saturday dance, we'll offer free pizza and open dancing for a couple of hours after classes.
 - v. Ukrainian home cost more than expected for Angel weekend. Rolled deposit from some cancelled event (what event?).
 - Hazel & Tybalt possibly October 2008
 - i. Discussing the weekend of Halloween party, three days of teaching. Details to follow.
 - Robert Cordoba possibly April 5-7 2008
 - i. We'll tell Steve to bring in Robert Cordoba.
 - ii. We understand that this will mean back to back workshop weekends. We don't expect much impact on attendance.

Next Meeting: January 6, 2008 at 2PM at Greg's house.