

SSDS Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 9th, 2006, 7pm

Mike and Alice's house, 243 Buckingham Ave.

Attendance: Rosalie, Deb, Steve, Alice, Mike, Greg, Maria, Can, Jayant, Mary Ellen

Agenda:

1. Old Business

- Weekly Ballybay dance: Students make up two thirds of the dancers on any given Thursday night. We are finding volunteers for the door during the dance. There is often a big jug of water and cups left on the back table of the hall. This was not provided by our group and probably left behind from the previous day's activities. We will discourage our patrons from drinking this water by moving the jug into the kitchen before the start of the dance.
- Strong majority of people want the dance to last longer, ending at 11pm instead of 10:30pm. We will move the starting time for the dance to 8:30pm and end the dance at 11pm. Lessons will begin at 5:45pm and conclude just before the dance starts at 8:30pm. This time change information will be included with our next mailing.
- Can purchased two replacement speakers for our sound system. During a dance on June 24th people saw the speakers glowing red and smelling like smoke. One speaker was carried outside the building and is missing. Can repaired the damaged speaker that we still have. For larger venues, we will add an extra pair of speakers, running four speakers from the amplifier instead of just two, thus decreasing the load that each speaker has to carry. We might shop for a used speaker to replace the one that is still missing.

2. Review of Mario Robau, Jr. WCS Weekend June 23-25th: We're still compiling the financial details. There was more than enough

food for the Friday night dinner. We sold bottled water but we didn't collect the water bottles for recycling. Our volunteers worked hard and did a great job. Using the UKHome on Sundays means that there will be no bartender or bar open to our dancers. We had left the extra food in the refrigerator and couldn't get in to bring the food up for our patrons to enjoy. The air conditioning was not working very well Friday night. It was reset Saturday morning and worked better for the remainder of the weekend.

3. Publicity

- **Review of July 4th SSO event at NYS Fairgrounds: Our volunteer dancers, fourteen people, danced during the 7pm break in front of the audience at Chevrolet Court. They wore our new black SSDS t-shirts. The crowd was pleased and the SSO organizers were pleased. Nice job!** Thank you to the following dancers for coming out and strutting your stuff for SSDS during the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra's annual 4th of July concert: Diane Tornatore, Howard Willis, Tom & Gail Andrews, Ron Hanley, Kathleen Maguire, Michael Stafford-Hill, Alice Chico, John McNeil, Judy Fischetti, Andy Watkins, Jane Loderhose, Deb Palmieri, and Janis Sussey!

The SSO is inviting us to help them once again with their Educational Series, asking our dancers to perform for school children in January 2007.

4. Financial Report: We continue to do well with the Thursday dances. We're looking at possibly moving some savings into a CD.
5. Upcoming events:
 - SSDS Picnic Arrowhead Lodge, Thursday, July 27th. Mary Ellen will do the food shopping. Still need someone to cook, someone to be responsible for the sound system, game/contest

coordinator, people to help set up the hall with tablecloths, buffet table, beverage table, clean-up.

- Lemoyne College Family lesson September 16th, 2pm
- Halloween (band?) Dance, October 28th, Ukrainian home
- Holiday Dance, Saturday, December 9th, Polish Home

We will plan for a mailer to be sent mid-August to help advertise Halloween and Holiday Dance events.

Next meeting: Greg's house, 103 Croyden, Sunday August 6th, 7pm.