

## ***SSDS Fun Business Meeting***

***Sunday, September 17th, 2006, 5pm***

Deb's house, 3261 Far Reach Drive, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Attendance: Andy, Deb, Maria, Alice, Michael, Mary Ellen

Agenda:

1. Old Business

- Weekly Ballybay dance 8:30 to 11pm. We will contact the newspapers to ask them to change the advertised start/ending time. They still advertise the dance starting at 8pm and ending at 10:30pm.
- We're finding volunteers for door duty, someone new just came and asked if they could volunteer to watch the door. Alice is finding people there during the dance.
- Birthday dances, send off dances. We might also offer a barn dance or snowball dance. This would get more people up on the floor dancing and changing partners.
- Sound system, keys to the storage cabinet. Our back-up sound system was loaned to Open Hand Puppet Theatre September 16<sup>th</sup> and the fee was waived since they are also a not-for-profit organization. Sound system rental planned for LHS high school September 29, and 30<sup>th</sup>. Brian Bromka also uses sound system for Havana nights on Friday nights. Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> was a scheduling conflict so Brian will use our back-up system at no charge. The lighting is not good near the deejay table since the light bulbs were changed from white bulbs to red. Mary Ellen will donate a small lamp that can be used safely near the deejay table and left at Ballybay.
- Review of Lemoyne Parent's weekend Free Dance Lesson taught September 16<sup>th</sup> by Steve Ryan. Alice, Mike, Joe and Mary Ellen helped with the lesson. Approximately 40 people attended the lesson which started at 3pm and

concluded at 4pm. Some people left early to attend 4 o'clock Mass. The location was on Lemoyne Campus in the Recreation Center gymnasium which has a soft rubber mat floor and poor acoustics. Steve did a great job teaching without the use of a microphone. One person spoke to Alice with an interest in Swingdance lessons but he didn't have transportation. Possibly some lessons can be offered on campus.

## 2. Publicity

- We mailed 639 plus 26 flyers to Canada. They went out on time. Mailing sent to advertise Fall Events: Nardone flyer, Halloween dance, Holiday Dance, plus flyer that announces our new hours for our weekly dance.

## 3. Financial Report

## 4. Upcoming Events:

- October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Halloween/Hustle workshop weekend with Diane Nardone, at the Ukrainian Home featuring band dance with Soft Spoken on Saturday night. Steve said he's got things under control.
- Holiday Dance December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Polish Home. Maria volunteered to deejay and help coordinate the evening. Deb will also help coordinate the event. We need to include more side dishes and less desserts. We had a lot of meat left over last year, so we'll cut back on the amount of meat we provide.
- SSO Spring 2007 Educational Series performance with Dance Demonstration by SSDS. Maria has been in contact with Travis Newton of the SSO. They want a performance choreographed and performed for January 2007. They're hoping for three couples. Maria's ballroom team is planning to perform.
- SSDS Picnic Arrowhead Lodge, Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007. We'll ask them to provide more chairs, possibly 80 chairs and one more table.

## 5. New Business, Other Business

- Mario Robau intensive workshop weekend: Minimum of fifteen couples, Mario pays for his own airfare and fees for the studio. The studio should be big enough for people to sit and write notes at tables. He provides people with a workbook for the weekend. He would need a whiteboard and marker, video camera and television, and electronic keyboard if available. Maria will find out more information and report back to the group during the next meeting.
- Angel mixed bag. Maria will contact Angel to see what he's available for 2007.
- Sylvia Sykes: She wasn't available for Halloween weekend. She's more comfortable teaching with another instructor that would teach West Coast Swing. We're looking for Sylvia to teach a lindy class for WCS dancers. We're looking for booking during the Fall or Spring, not during the summer when schools are on break.
- Autumn Bear/Joe Palmer workshop: Paul Nuzzo has been communicating with this couple, trying to bring them to Syracuse for a one-day workshop and dance. The date they chose for their October 5<sup>th</sup> one-day workshop conflicts with classes already scheduled by Steve Ryan at Ballybay. Our first suggestion to Paul is to seek another date for this workshop. If this is not possible, then try to arrange for the workshop to take place at another venue close by that would allow the students to come to our dance after the workshop.
- 2plyswing Joel & Allison Plys booking discount for 2007 ends today (9/17/06). We discussed possibly asking them to come teach workshops but decided not to host at this time. They are already booked for several cities in the Northeast and Canada.

6. Next Meeting time, place: November 5<sup>th</sup>, at Mary Ellen's house, 7pm.