

SSDS Minutes

October 2nd, 2005, 7pm

Mary Ellen's House, 283 Rigi Ave, Syracuse

Attendance: Alice, Deb S., Joe, Andy, Rosalie, Jim P., Deb P., Jayant, Mary Ellen, Maria, Anna.

1. Old Business

(1) Weekly dance: Door duty, nametags. We've been getting enough people to volunteer for door duty. On nametag night people don't always write their real name on their tag.

(2) Beginner lesson, dancing with newcomers. We appreciate the volunteers that help teach the beginner lesson each week. Thank you.

(3) Weekly dance September 15th featured belly dance demo, September 22nd featured Birthday (barn) dance. Barn dance was liked by all. We will celebrate birthdays on nametag night, and have the barn dance that night also.

(4) "What is Mario night?" People do not know what "Mario Night" is, although they seem to be enjoying the music mix. "Mario Night was originally intended to provide beginner dancers with music that was easy to dance to; Easy for a novice dancer to hear the beat. We will continue this theme and music mix but we will stop calling it "Mario Night."

(5) Publicity: The mailer is done and sent. It was a lot of work. Rosalie's group helped fold and assemble the mailer and re-assemble them again after we decided to remove the Nardone flyer and replace it with a newsletter. We extend sincere thanks to Rosalie's group of helpers. Announcement about our September 8th Red Cross fundraiser is included on the Post Standard website but has not yet been seen in print. The text will read "*Syracuse Swing Dance Society would like to thank all of our members. Because of your generous donations at the Thursday night dance, we were able to donate over a thousand dollars to the Red Cross to help Victims of Hurricane Katrina.*"

Purchasing a printer: It would pay for itself in two mailings. Joe will provide information about best choices/most economical printer to purchase. We will ask Greg to provide information about total cost of printing for 2004/2005.

Next mailing should be mailed Feb 1st. Flyers must be ready for printing by January 7th, submitted to Rosalie by January 15th.

(6) Financial Report, Paypal account.

3. Progress on upcoming events:

(1) Friday Ballybay dance October 14th. Alysia and Steve will teach an intermediate hustle class 8-9, included with price of the dance \$5.

(2) Hareesh Kapoor and Anna Reguero teach Lindy workshops Saturday October 15th at May Memorial Church. Anna is our volunteer coordinator, Alice and Mike are captains. Compensation agreement made with instructor – review executive committee minutes for details

(3) Decorating Party Friday night October 28th, Ukrainian Home

(4) Halloween Dance with John Puma/Dangerous Horns, October 29th, 2005, Ukrainian Home.

(5) Holiday Dance Saturday, December 10th, 2005, Polish Home. We will offer the dance card game. We're set for deejays and Joe will help pick up the food.

(6) New Year's Eve dance

(7) Mario Robau, Jr. weekend, April 7-9th, 2006, Polish Home.

3. New Business, Other business

(1) SSDS Banner/Paper fans. Mary Ellen ordered 500 fans from Advertising Supply, (same company that supplied our previous order) at cost of \$205.64. Shipment arrived 10/1/05 and they sent extra 25 fans free.

(2) T-shirt survey results: Surveys collected during our weekly dance 9/15 and 9/29. Blue & Black (6 votes each) were the most popular colors. Kay Curtis artwork votes 12/yes, 8/no. We need to determine if the Kay Curtis artwork can be displayed on black background. We'll discuss fabric content and pricing during next meeting. Since we still have large inventory of smaller-sized shirts, we may limit our order to larger sizes: L, XL, XXL .

(3) Review of alternate dance venues

Next Monthly Meeting: Sunday, November 6th, 7pm, Andy's house, 927 Meadowbrook.