

SSDS Meeting Minutes

November 6th, 2005, 7pm

Andy's house, 927 Meadowbrook Drive, Syracuse

Attendance: Joe, Jayant, Rosalie, Andy, Dan, Ann, Tania, Anna, Greg, Deb, Steve, Mary Ellen.

1. Old Business

(1) Weekly dance: Door duty, nametags, birthdays. November 3rd weekly dance celebrated birthdays for Maggie and Steve (last name?). We celebrated with a traditional birthday dance instead of a barn dance. For December 1st, we'll again try a traditional birthday dance. We need to explain in more detail what is expected for the birthday dance so that everyone knows they are supposed to dance with the celebrant(s).

(2) Beginner lesson, dancing with newcomers. Sincere thanks to those dancers that make a conscious effort to dance with newcomers and make them feel welcome.

(3) Weekly dance October 6th featured Birthday (barn) dance. People seem to like the barn dance but it doesn't accent the fact that we're celebrating someone's birthday.

(4) Weekly dance October 13th featured guest volunteer deejay, Maria. This was the 2nd Thursday of the month and instead of calling it "Mario night," we advertised it as a night of "music that makes you want to dance." Dance was attended by 40 people.

(5) October 14th, Friday night dance at Ballybay with hustle lesson taught by Alysia and Steve. Steve & Alysia donated their time. Can deejayed. The dance attended by 39 people. Six people came in late. We did not charge them admission. They did not know how to dance but enjoyed the evening. Chris Egan taught them a short beginner lesson in night club two step.

(6) October 15th Lindy Workshop taught by Hareesh Kapoor and Anna Reguero with Saturday night dance at May Memorial Church. City of Syracuse imposed a ban on drinking water due to possible contamination. Alice provided bottled water for our dancers. Hareesh and Anna were able

to give a lot of individual attention to students. This event was organized in a very short time period. Attended by a dozen people.

(7) October 20th, confrontation in Ballybay parking lot, Police on scene, Gus locked the front door, asked us to lock up and leave early (10:30pm).

We usually run our dance longer than 10:30pm. We may adjust the rent we pay to account for that longer time period.

(8) October 28th, Friday night decorating party & dance, Ukranian Home. Attended by 25 volunteers (these people received free admission to the Saturday night dance). Two (no meat) sheet pizzas delivered by Gregorio's.

October 29th, Halloween dance featuring John Puma band, Ukranian Home. We issued wristbands at the door. Dance attended by 101 people. Our photographers were Joe, Jayant and Rob. Choreography demo, costume contest and barn dance during first band break. People seemed to enjoy the band and their selection of music played. They played two sets. After the second set, we awarded six costume contest winners and used SSDS t-shirts for prizes. After the party, volunteers helped clean up and collect our decorations. The Halloween decorations are stored at Greg's house.

2. Publicity: We will send a thank you card to Rosalie's group of helpers that worked to put our mailer together.

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

(2) Printer discussion: Compare cost of purchasing/using our own printer vs. services of commercial printing companies. Joe priced a laser printer to cost \$500. The cost of printing one mailing would be \$100-\$150 in materials plus 4 hours of someone's time. We've decided not buy our own printer. We've been using the services of FedEx/Kinkos because they can print from a computer disc, which produces better quality reproductions when printing photographs.

3. Financial Report, Paypal account, we have an active paypal account that has been up and running for two months.

4. Progress on upcoming events:

(1) Holiday Dance Saturday, December 10th, 2005, Polish Home. Deborah and Joe will coordinate ordering the food and shopping. Mary Ellen will communicate with Polish Home concerning our need for earlier set up time.

(2) New Year's Eve dance: Possible venue Ukranian Home.

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

5. New Business, Other business

(1) SSDS Banner, determine style & size to order: Postponed until next monthly meeting.

(2) T-shirt survey results: Blue or Black with Kay Curtis artwork. Still need to consider fabric content, pricing, and current inventory.

Mary Ellen's current inventory consists of 29 tank tops and 23 t-shirts + one*. Deb has more gray t-shirts that are not included in this inventory. Continue discussion on ordering/purchasing t-shirts at next monthly meeting.

Mary Ellen's current inventory of t-shirts:

One white "Swing" t-shirt we use for display, not counted as inventory.

Six (+ one*) gray t-shirts/Kay Curtis artwork Ladies: 1 small, 3 mediums, 1 large, 1 x-large.

*Judy 's medium did not fit. She has exchanged it for a large and will return the medium sized t-shirt next Thursday, November 10th.

Ten gray t-shirts/Kay Curtis artwork Men's: 3 small, 4 mediums, 1 large, 2 x-large.

Seven white "Swing" t-shirts: 1 medium, 4 large, 2 x-large.

Mary Ellen's inventory of tank tops:

Seventeen white "Swing" tank tops: 4 small, 11 medium, 2 large

Five black "Swing" tank tops, size medium.

Seven white Kay Curtis artwork tank tops, size large.

(3) Review of alternate dance venues: Open discussion, refer to executive committee for details.

Next Monthly Meeting: Sunday, December 4th, Ann's house.