

Swing Ann Arbor Open Meeting – Minutes August 17, 2006

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Hester Graves, Vice President
- II. Board members present: Hester Graves, Erin Morris, Laura Morris, Jason Neisz, Aaron Elkiss; 6 Community members were present
- III. Minutes of June 22 approved with no corrections
- IV. Business Conducted:
 - A. Festifall
 1. Confirmation has not been received yet; Erin to follow-up.
 2. Discussed attempting to position table away from the other dance clubs if possible.
 3. Emphasize social dancing aspect of club.
 - B. Dancing in the Streets
 1. Discussed a need for 2 volunteer instructors.
 2. Voted and approved (by all present) that the instructors will teach Charleston.
 - C. Carpool Thread on Dtownstomp
 1. Discussed starting a thread for carpooling to/from Ann Arbor on the Detroit swing forum "Dtownstomp".
 2. Discussed creating a Yahoo group.
 3. Discussed creating a UM SAA.carpool list.
 4. No decisions made at this time.
 - D. Pierpont partnership for dancing on Thursday nights
 1. Discussed a request by UM Programs to partner with them on Thursday nights (one time per month) for swing dancing. No decisions made at this time.
 - E. Campus dance club get-together
 1. Mike proposed getting together with other dance clubs to exchange ideas and get advice
 2. Group liked the idea of a club to club meeting of the officers of the ballroom, salsa, and tango clubs.
 - F. Membership for Fall 2006 – trial memberships
 1. No consensus could be reached by the group. Too many members of the board were absent. Will probably continue with the current process for now.
 - G. Room Reservation Issues for Fall 2006
 1. Discussed issue of room availability and times.
 2. Group agreed that alternative rooms for the lessons would be explored.
 3. Group agreed that it was important to publicize the schedule change and/or room changes.
 4. Group agreed to wait until the Winter 2007 semester to offer progressive lessons.
 - H. Music Update
 1. Laura presented findings so far related to obtaining live music for the fall semester. The group agreed that \$800 was too expensive for the club to engage the Gypsy Strings. She will do more investigation.
 2. Discussed having an open DJ night on fifth Wednesdays.
 3. Laura to put together a questionnaire for dancers interested in learning how to DJ and publicize.
 - I. Scott's presentation of recommendations
 1. Various issues were discussed at length throughout the meeting.
 2. Swing Ann Arbor to consider the feasibility of the more realistic and substantive subjects
 - J. Also discussed the need for information sheets regarding the organization, swing dance, swing music, etc.
 - K. Meeting adjourned around 10:00pm