

CBDC Board Meeting September 29, 2009 7:30pm

1531 W Superior, Chicago IL

Attending: Meg Dedolph, Lezlee Crawford, Ruth Runeborg, Rachel Shapiro, Abraham McClurg, Elizabeth Albert, Aviva Taumann, Paul Watkins, Jeffrey Rovner

1. CDSS renewal is \$85/yr.

meetings at UofC and Northwestern- need to find out when

2. Ruth is finishing up the IAC Grant Report from 2008. She reports that IAC is not accepting grant proposals for 2009 because they have no money.

3. Postcards are ready for mailing – stickered last night at dance.

4. Hall search: Meg presented a sheet with consolidated categories: suitable, not suitable, don't know yet. Aviva made some follow-up calls. Rachel reiterated any agreement we make should be in writing.

Lezlee narrowed down a long list (her own plus 05 hall search) to four viable sites; proposes board considers these for trial dance:

- a. Epiphany church, 201 S Ashland. Incredibly beautiful space. Great wood floor, great acoustics, nice bathrooms. \$100, \$25-50 extra for heating. No need for AC, stays airy and cool. Pews can be arranged to contain dance area. On street parking is easy, but events at United Center will cause big traffic and parking problems. Some concern about the location. Fairly convenient to expressway. Best to have a "buddy" if walking to the train late (blue line 4 blks) Lezlee will check on possibility of parking in Bank/Staples garage, and set up a CBDC test dance for November 2. A small family dance/potluck was held there last Sun and it was very nice.
- b. Stan Mansion, 2408 N Kedzie. Great location, 2 blks from blue line, easy street parking. \$100 includes heat & AC. Gym in basement with a few floor problems being repaired, acoustics not great. Best room is upstairs but partially carpeted, enough wood floor to have crosswise contra lines; lounge room with water, nice bathrooms, garden in front with benches. Owner wants to have something like this in bldg.
- c. Storehouse Church, 2625 W Altgeld, has 3 areas which could work; gym is nice but has gym acoustics. Street parking not bad, 4 blks from blue line. Possible conflict is they have choir rehearsal in the building currently on Mon nights. Discuss fee in \$100-200 range.
- d. Jefferson Park Congregational, 5320 W Giddings (Milwaukee & Lawrence). Beautiful building, nice neighborhood, big parking lot, convenient to metra, L and expressway. Church gym on 3rd floor, no elevator, gym acoustics, decent wood floor, small balcony overlooking gym, chairs in closet, \$100 includes heat, no AC but big functional windows on 2 sides; one bathroom on same floor, nice multi-stall

bathrooms one floor down as well as at entry level. Possible use of locked closet.

Meg suggested and all agreed that we should send a group to the better sites. Elizabeth, Jeffrey, Paul and Rachel offered to go visit these sites in the evening to see if we want to schedule a test dance there. Lezlee will arrange appts.

Lezlee also mentioned other types of possibilities she found:

Michele's Ballroom: 2860 W Belmont, 2nd flr long skinny room (24x56), rent \$1000/mo ours exclusively. He offered to install brand new wood floor if we signed 3 year lease and gave 3 mo deposit. AC incl, heat extra. Close to trains, nice bathrooms, has parking lot. Could possibly negotiate cheaper price?

Erie Neighborhood House: 1347 W Erie, beautiful high-ceiling room with stage and wood floor, big arched windows; only avail Sats 1-10, \$65/hr, would waive normal \$130 set-up and clean-up fee since we're non-profit, need 2/3 wks notice to book. Nice bathrooms, street parking, incl heat & ac. I think it would be fantastic for an occasional event.

Board members cited other possibilities to keep in mind: Indian Boundary Park, great room but small; Broadway Armory, worth looking into again; Lake Street Church Evanston, not much hope for availability; Liz will contact Paul Collins re: SPACE academy on Peterson in Chi.

Lezlee arranged with Julie Sacco at North Park Village Nature Center to put a barn dance on their winter schedule, they'll pay the caller and musicians small fee; great publicity to be on their schedule. 30 to 40 participants will need to pre-register. Cozy room with wood floor and fireplace. Paul mentioned there will be a caller and music at their upcoming fall festival too. Also mentioned was a Skokie Library program and a Northwestern Univ student group which helps non-profits.

Board wondered how the current hall arrangements worked. Ruth explained that she gets in touch with SPACE in Evanston 3 mos in advance for a 3rd or 4th Monday dance. When we're not at Bethany we just have to let them know we're not going to be there.

5. Booking Guidelines: Meg presented rough draft of booking policy/job responsibilities that we came up with at last meeting. Discussion about how detailed guidelines can or should be, about length of booker's term, and about potential problems such as negative perception of band or caller, and how to deal with. Meg will send this draft to Bill (current booker) and to previous bookers Dot, Jennifer, Shari, Jeffrey, Chris P, for comment, and then back to us. Board will try to

revise and finalize booking guidelines and how to choose booker, by end of Nov. If there is to be a new booker, term will begin in January 2010, setting up the Feb/Mar 2010 schedule.

6. Next board meeting set for October 20, 2009, 7:30pm, 1530 W Superior, Chicago

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Lezlee Crawford, Secretary