

The September 2011 Newsletter for the Linden Hill Dance Club

It's begun again!

The new executive committee for the Linden Hills Dance Club, year 2011-2012 had their first successful meeting of the new dance year, July 10th. New members to the committee are: Bob Cargill & Susan Dempsey, who were elected to take the reins of leadership from Jack & Patti Marsh Cagle and the team of Brian Stromquist & Joni Blomquist who have been appointed to coordinate dance committee arrangements and prepare the newsletter. Nancy Seeger has generously offered to continue using her superb artistic talents to design our invitations. Lloyd Otte and Mary Olberding, with 1/2 year executive committee expertise under their belts, are in charge of dance bands, lesson instruction and "keeping the history" of the Linden Hills Dance Club. Betty and Curt Gumbrell will continue keeping the books in good shape and Gael and Roberts Horner will continue to be on the hunt for new members as well as serving as Club secretary. Recent additions to the executive committee are Dave and Cindy Bailey who will join Joni and Brian on the dance committee. The Baileys replace Tom and Kellie Hurwitz on the committee due to their recent resignation. Kellie is experiencing foot problems, and we send her our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

The new executive committee members wish to extend their deepest appreciation on behalf of the entire club membership, to Jack and Patti Marsh Cagle, Mike Fuerst and Eileen Kellen, John and Carrie Sangren and Myron and Ginny Karki for their exemplary service to the club.

Highlights of the Meeting:

- As of September 1, 2011, the Linden Hills Dance Club membership has dropped to 23 active and 3 associate members. This is dire news since our annual budget is based on 32 couples. This discrepancy of dancing bodies and its consequences to our financial viability will be discussed at the October 15 meeting of the executive committee. Any ideas or inspiration on how to attract new members or where to trim the budget, would be greatly appreciated.
- A committee is being formed in advance of the 100th year anniversary of the club. If you're interested in helping contact Bob Cargill or Susan Dempsey.
- Printing of a membership directory was discussed. At this time, a copy can be printed off the website. Please let us know if a hard copy for members would be preferable.
- The LHDC brochure is being updated with hopes of making it easier to print on a home computer, saving us the cost of professional printing.
- It was decided to keep club records for 7 years.
- We have the choice of 2 caterers for dance events to replace "We Cook". Ben Porter was highly recommended by Stromquist/Blomquist and has agreed to serve as the caterer for the September dance. His contact info is 612-532-5634, bdpcatering@yahoo.com. Phil Wickner has been our backup caterer for "We Cook" and can be reached at 763-557-9911. Dance committees have the option of doing a dinner, appetizers or dessert only. New ideas are always welcome.
- It has been noted that the sign up list for our 2011-2012 dance year is incomplete. Please decide what month would be best for you to chair and /or serve. 4 couples per month would be preferable, but we can get by with 3.
- Dan and Ann Gifford will, once again, graciously open their home for a social dance reception prior to our 1st dance on September 17, 2011. We hope to see you all there.

- Monica Mohn will continue to school us in the dances we love. It was suggested that we try having a short review of the previous dance's lesson to refresh our memories and increase our dance prowess.
- Having a dance club outing was discussed, and the October 29th dance at the Bloomington Knights of Columbus will be our 1st attempt to bring club members together in this new endeavor. Tim Patrick and His Blue Eyes Band, a group strongly recommended by Otte/Olberding, will be playing from 8:30 - 11:30 p. m. A free lesson will be held from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Further details will be forthcoming. Come join us for an evening of conversation and cavorting.
- Special thanks were extended to: Monica Mohn, Eric Jaakkola and Lloyd Otte who have been instrumental in bringing in new members, Mike McClanahan and his son for their work on our website and Bob Cargill for his marvelous photos.
- We ask the membership to continue providing feedback on the bands we hire. Bands that do not perform well can be canceled and new bands contacted for future dances.
- Susan Dempsey will try a "Get to know a couple" spot during each dance's business meeting. Don't fret! It'll be fun, so relax and enjoy your 60 seconds of fame.
- Dance committees should not put away tables and chairs until the end of the dance. We have the band for 2 hours only, so let's dance away every minute!
- It was suggested that we increase our dance time by 1/2 hour. We could start the band 1/2 hour earlier and serve hors d'oeuvres instead of a dinner to compensate for the cost. Having a longer dance time could also be a draw for couples considering membership. Your feedback on this idea is welcome.

Twin Cities Dance Information

For a comprehensive and thorough index of dance related activities in the Twin Cities area, go to LMSdance@gmail.com. Produced by Lynne Schultz, it's organized and informative. Lynne can also be reached at 952-545-2989.

Linden Hills Dance Club Website

The member directory section of the website is password protected for security. If you don't know the magic words, contact another club member. Within this section you'll also find the newly amended club constitution. For the dates of upcoming dances, consult the website.

Your Executive Committee

The next meeting of the executive committee will be October 15. Keep your ideas and suggestions dancing our way.