

DalKing Swing Exec Meeting Notes | 19 Dec 2023

Attending: Chris Arnold, Chris Maxwell, Clara Knox, Gaby Macklin, Maren Mealey, Phoebe Seely, Dylan Martin, Jo Klymyshyn

Dance is Resistance event

- Originally WCS/Blues event, changed into Dance is Resistance event
- Raising money for Yara Jamal, journalist fired from CTV for saying “yes, Jews can exist, the Zionist ideology and state of Israel cannot”
- Gaby:
 - Does DKS get involved in political events?
 - Dance is now only a small part of the event
 - Prior to now have not supported any political events
 - Backing it would make DKS less of a safe space and exclusionary to many folks in the Jewish community
 - DKS’s goal currently is to make room to dance
- Chris Arnold previously agreed to share event when not aware of full event of the extent
- Maren said she would check with the exec first
- DKS’s most political prior stance was during BLM protests
 - Gaby: this was directly in relation to the history of Lindy Hop
 - Dal also at one point supported fair trade coffee

Gaby left the meeting before the vote and brief discussion prior to vote

Formal vote on if DKS will support religious or political events

- 5 opposed to supporting religious or political events:
- 1 abstaining
- None in favor

Safe space direction

- DKS aims to be inclusive of everyone regardless of identity, unless they are causing harm to others
- Phoebe’s vision is to adopt a safe space policy for the society and a safe space officer role (that Phoebe would take on)

West Coast Swing Crossovers

- Avoiding conflict with kizomba events
 - Kizomba events happen every third and first Friday
 - Will look at the fourth Friday of each month, same time
- Booking two rooms at happy soul
 - For January will likely trial two rooms with one with blues music and one with WCS music

Confirm January classes

- Rooms booked in the Studley gym and studio for January for Lindy 1 & 2
- Dal society fair is Jan 23 & 24th
- Potential classes schedule, still to be worked out:
 - First round: Jan 20 - March 2
 - Second round: Feb 24 - April 20
- Modules start January 4, room booking still need confirmation

Marketing

- Ella able to help out, Maren to meet with Ella to flesh out details

Valentines Dance

- February 10th
- Talking with the Tuesday Night Swing Band
- Potentially in the Studley Gym to save

Amounts owed by society

- Estimate on outstanding fees: \$5200
- Still to pay: DSU (\$1500), local teachers shimmy, local teachers classes, DJs, Kings Gym (\$400), St Andrews

Round table

- Chris Maxwell:
 - Credit Union would have no bank account free, \$1.50 charge for each e-transfer, dual identification is possible
- Maren:
 - Need newsletter items, modules information
 - Still need Shimmy photos, will see if Jo can get in contact with David directly
- Dylan:
 - Website consolidating both the lessons and registration pages
 - Constitution has some formatting issues, Dylan will proof-read it