

Gem City Swing (GCS) February Meeting Minutes

Board Present: James Benze, Nick Gerakines, Kyle Girtz, Vahid Schwart

Board Absent: Emily Benze, Emily Mobley

Others Present: None

Date: 2018-02-17, 1:00 PM

Location: 14 Johnson St. Dayton OH, 45410

1. Venue Cancellation for 20 Feb
 - a. The board decided to schedule a dinner social in place of the recurring weekly dance due to an unexpected last minute venue cancellation.
 - b. Social will be held at Old Scratch at 7PM, 20 Feb.
 - i. **James Benze** and **Emily Mobley** will push out announcements for this change
 - c. The board decided to start a list of venue alternatives for future event programming or last minute changes
 - i. **Vahid Schwart** will create an initial list
2. Lesson Planning
 - a. The current Lindy Hop lesson series will go over one week into March due to the event cancellation of 20 Feb
 - b. March lessons will span three 3 weeks (12,19,26 March) only and will focus on Lindy Hop variations
 - i. Kyle Girtz will lead this lesson series and will find a follow instructor
3. Organic Community Events
 - a. GCS encourages organic community events (such as lessons, and dances) hosted by private individuals by advertising these events at our weekly dances.
4. Teacher Training
 - a. GCS will host a teacher training to improve the overall quality of our dance instructors.
 - b. **James Benze** and **Kyle Girtz** will provide the Teacher Training
 - c. **James Benze** will determine a date and venue (tentatively 7 or 8 April)
 - d. Training will be open to anyone interested in learning how to teach dance.
5. Spring GCS Town Hall Meeting
 - a. GCS will host another open town hall meeting in April.
 - b. **Nick Gerakines** will schedule and announce the date of this meeting.
6. Beginner Month Series
 - a. GCS has tentatively decided to hold a beginner month series three times throughout the year due to the overwhelming success.
 - b. Months are tentatively January, May and September.
 - c. May beginner series will consist of 6-count, 8-count, and shim sham.
 - d. Need to determine how to engage Level II participants who do not attend the beginner series.

7. Community Education

- a. GCS encourages participants to more accurately refer to our dance as Lindy Hop as a whole and to use 6-count and 8-count to distinguish dance moves.

8. Financials

- a. The Treasurer was not present to report finances.
- b. GCS will use surplus earnings to book more live bands during weekly events.