



Cedar Brook Dance Academy Parent Club Meeting
September 2, 2009

The meeting was started at 8:00pm

In attendance:

<u>Dance Instructors</u>	<u>Level I Parents</u>	<u>Level II Parents</u>	<u>Level III Parents</u>	<u>Level IV Parents</u>
Debbie Gatto Eve Persicketti Miss Erin (Ballet Pointe)	Lisa Cooper Cathy Jakuboski Hollie Rosenberg Rich Ostermueller Leigh Moos	Mary Kennedy Gayle Pagano Mrs. Mascitis	Dawn Rhodus Rich Ostermueller Josie Gambale Gayle Pagano Jennifer Pepe Joanne Masciocchi	Rosemary Cornwell Mr. & Mrs. Greene Jennifer Morganti

Dance Instructors Report:

Miss Deb/Miss Eve

Miss Eve started the meeting by welcoming and congratulating the new 2009-2010 Dance Company. Handouts were distributed and included the following: 1) parent sign in sheet, 2) phone confirmation sheet, 3) e-mail confirmation sheet, 4) parent/student contract, 5) possible competition dates, 6) date conflict forms and 7) fundraiser ideas.

We also discussed the possible competitions and some of the options available to the team this year. Options included a travel regional competition to Baltimore, Maryland, and to possibly bypass Nationals this year. We also can possibly consider performance opportunities such as Penn's Landing and Hershey Park.

Topics discussed included the new contract, discipline and accountability in the classroom. Miss Eve and Miss Deb encouraged and urged the need for attendance and that the students must make hard choices, especially when the company members get older and other school activities arise. Miss Deb and Miss Eve asked that all parents and students take their contract and date conflict forms home and think about their commitments and upcoming date conflicts.

We are asking that the parents review the contract and their date conflict forms and try to have all of this paperwork turned in no later than the second full week of competition practice or October 10, 2009.

Gayle Pagano (President):

Topics discussed included the need for all parents to play some sort of role in our company. We need parents to sew, help with stage props, develop and stock care packages, snacks, drinks, and we need to start thinking about fundraisers. We have approximately \$800 left over from last year that will be placed into an account but it is not nearly enough to help with competition fees and other costs. Fundraising efforts can also be used to cover costs with bringing in additional teaching staff for gymnastic tricks, and other specialty routines we can use with our students. In order to open an account and pay bills, we must develop and approve bylaws, and appoint executive board members. Gayle asked all parents to consider volunteering for a role with the parent club and take an active part in their child's dance. During our next meeting we will have an opportunity to review the bylaws, appoint additional officers and discuss some further fundraising ideas.

Rich Ostermueller:

Rich introduced himself and advised the parents that a tax id for the CBDA Parent Club has been established and that a bank account will be opened. He spoke briefly about the need for help from all our parents and the critical nature of all parents ensuring that all competition fees are paid promptly when asked for.

He committed in the future to keeping meetings brief, but we need all our parents to cooperate and show up for the couple of meetings that we will need to have each year.

Miss Erin

Miss Erin was introduced by Miss Eve as a new ballet instructor for the studio. Miss Erin will be working with our students to introduce them to ballet pointe. Most dancers are introduced to ballet pointe at about age 10. Miss Erin will be working with the students on technique, fitting, sewing and ensuring that each and every dancer is ready before putting on a pointe shoe. She will be providing the students and parents with a specific location for the purchase of pointe shoes which must be carefully fitted to ensure a proper fit and reduce the risk of injury.

A second parent meeting will be scheduled at some point during October 2009. Any conflicts or no go for dates for the meeting, please contact the studio at info@cedarbrookdanceacademy.com with any dates that are not good.

Parents asked some question about the contract, about pointe ballet and the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15pm.