

**Minutes for FFCPC Board Meeting, October 07, 2012 at 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Finnish Room, PSU**

Members present were Seppo, Katariina, Cynthia, Elisa, Andrea, Ray, and Greg

1. Cynthia started the meeting by reading her resignation letter to the Board members present. The letter is attached as the last page of these minutes. During this opening phase Katariina addressed the need for better communication among Board members, and Cynthia would like Old Business to be placed early in the agenda.
2. The minutes from the September 16 minutes were approved as amended. See attached. Minutes from the May 19 meeting at Seppo's home are forthcoming; no minutes for the August 8 meeting because rain at Cullaby Lake forced cancelation. Greg will provide The Board an abridged version of the minutes of the April 29 meeting before our next meeting.
3. Financials—in Dirk's absence Seppo reviewed the October 4 Profit and Loss statement provided by Dirk. Of note is that the FFCPC made \$255.41 on Midsummer (\$939.25 revenue and \$683.84 costs); \$1050 from membership dues; total income between January and October is 2190.25 and total expenses are \$2694.57, leaving a minus \$504.32; however, this amount will likely be covered through money earned at Scan Fair and other fall/winter activities.
4. Next Events
  - a. ScanFair, December 01-02, 2012, at the Coliseum
    - i. Joulupukki Team met on September 13, 2012; next meeting is October 09, 2012. Andrea moved and Cynthia seconded to place a one-half page ad on the upper half, unless Mike gives FFCPC a full-page ad for the same price. Motion carried.
    - ii. Team leader for the Food Booth is Seppo, and Kai, Greg, Dennis, and Marlene will make up the team. We will offer meat pies and rahkapiirakka. Jukka and Judy will help with the cooking to be done at Suomi Hall in Astoria.
    - iii. Team leader for Finland's Independence Day Celebration is Seppo who will highlight Finnish history between 1950 and the present. Elisa will call people about the singing portion of the celebration.
  - b. New events
    - i. Elisa to give presentation on Finnish Composers on November 16, 2012. She will need equipment for audio and PowerPoint presentation. Elisa will send information about the event to Cynthia for a flyer. Andrea and Katariina will check into refreshments, such as gingerbread and punch.
    - ii. POY, LOY events planning team—we will need to secure dates once Finlandia Foundation announces the winners.
    - iii. Musical performances: Sonore Chamber Choir in March or April, 2013: Elisa, our cultural director, is in communication with the 14 member choir who will tour

Portland, Astoria, and Seattle. They are self sufficient, so there is no cost to FFPCPC. Elisa will email us a tentative draft about them and the performance. Agreed to get SHF involved in this event. Lincoln Hall would be ideal, but we need to know cost. Another performance group is the PKH Trio that has the Finlandia Foundation's approval. Their tour will take them from Seattle to San Francisco. Seppo emailed us information about the Trio.

iv. No new information forthcoming on the Finlandia University Event (Suomi College).

v. Board discussed whether it was appropriate to help sell CDs for Barbara

Helsingius.

Cynthia said that as a nonprofit this is not something we should do.

vi. Katariina said that she is looking forward to the first meeting of a book club to be held at her house. The date is October 27. She will be sending an email with her home address to those who have responded.

#### 5. Membership

- a. Seppo will send the Renewal Form for 2013 in November. Ray moved and Elisa Seconded to combine the renewal form with a notice of FFPCPC's annual meeting, which is February 9. Motion carried.
- b. Katariina moved and Ray seconded to have the Board call members who have not renewed. Motion carried.

6. Selected Board meeting dates for the 2012 Board Year: November 4, December 9, December 30 or January 6, 2013.

7. Annual Meeting will be February 9, 2013. We decided not to have a big dinner but to offer hors d'oeuvres. Keep the program fairly short and give time to and encourage socializing. The Board will talk about the annual meeting in some detail at the November 4 meeting. We will also need to start the process for the Election Committee for new Board Member candidates.

Submitted by Greg Jacob, acting Secretary, FFPCPC

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Finlandia Foundation  
Columbia-Pacific Chapter

Dear President and Board Members:

It is with difficulty that, effective immediately, I submit my resignation as Secretary of the Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter Board of Directors; though I will continue to serve on the Board in a reduced capacity for the remainder of my term.

At this time, other commitments have become too great and I can no longer devote the time necessary to fulfill the secretarial position's requirements. I feel it is best, for both the Chapter and its membership, for me to make room for someone with the time and energy to devote to this demanding Board position.

When I came to the Board I was eager to help FFCPC regain its influence within the Finnish-American community and build its future here in Oregon and SW Washington; and, as a lifetime member, it is my hope our Chapter will invigorate itself in such a manner that the next generation will want to keep it alive and thriving for years to come.

Thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve as FFCPC's Secretary for the past year and one-half. I look forward to completing my term and participating in future events and activities as my schedule and time permits.

Cordially,

  
Cynthia C. Pannell

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