

Minutes for FFCPC Board Meeting, January 20, 2013, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Finnish Room

Present were Seppo, Dirk, Katariina, Ray, Andrea, Kai, Elisa, Greg, and Jukka

Minutes of the December 9 meeting were approved with removal of reference to Morton Steakhouse and with a few proofreading corrections.

1. Financials: Dirk reviewed in general terms the Itemized Profit and Loss sheet he provided the Board via email. Our total assets are \$11,156.40. Andrea moved and Ray seconded a motion for “a trade off.” The \$98.40 we have already paid SHF (10% of our proceeds for Joulupukki) will go toward the \$100.00 for the advertisement in the SHF newsletter. Motion carried. Elisa moved and Kai seconded to give \$25.00 to Dennis for the loss of his coffee maker. Motion carried.
2. Next Events
 - a. Jukka moved and Katariina seconded to inform Yvonne Lockwood, LOY, that September 13 and October 11 are open dates for her talk on “Traditional Material Culture in Modern Finnish America”; and the two open dates for Glenda Dawn Goss, 2012 LOY, are February 15 and March 8. Her talk will be about Jean Sibelius and the Finnish Awakening. Motion carried.
 - b. Marja Kaisla is the POY for 2013. She is a pianist who studied at the Sibelius Academy and the St. Petersburg Conservatory. Elisa, Dirk, and Greg will look into an April invitation and will talk to SHF about co-sponsoring her visit.
 - c. Musical performances by the Sonore Chamber Choir will take place in Seattle, Portland, and Astoria. Greg moved and Ray seconded to charge \$5 per person for the performance at the First Christian Church. The church will get \$100.00 or 50% of the proceeds (whatever is higher). Motion carried. We need to publicize the Sonore Choir visits in the SHF newsletter, the A&E of The Oregonian, Astoria Lodge #2, and get press releases to Messiah Lutheran Church, First Christian Church, and Peace Lutheran Church. Katariina has worked tirelessly on this tour, and all Board should pitch in wherever possible.
 - d. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the Boris Sirpo recital. Jukka moved and Katariina seconded to discontinue our formal support of the event, including any financial contributions. Elisa will continue to foster the Boris Sirpo recital within her own music studio. Motion carried. Elisa pointed out that Boris Sirpo founded the Lewis and Clark music department and the Portland Chamber Choir during the 1950’s.
3. Membership
 - a. Renewal Form for 2013 is on the website. Seppo sent an e-mail on November 3, 2012.
 - b. Greg sent a reminder email to members on January 4.
 - c. We need to send a reminder card to all members about membership dues and about the annual program. Eva will be so kind to provide the address labels if we get her the postcards with the appropriate information on them. Jukka will take on that task. (I would have done all this but Kai would not teach me how to mail merge, nor would he tell me what to say on the cards).
 - d. Board members will call those people who have not renewed (the number should be under 30) by the last week before the Annual meeting on February 10.

4. Annual Meeting

- a. It will be held in the Finnish Room from 2:00-4:30 pm, Sunday, February 10.
- b. Seppo gave the Board an agenda and asked we finalize it. The social hour goes from 2:00-3:00 pm. Greg will read the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting; Greg and Katariina to highlight some of our events during the 2012-2013 year; Dirk will recognize people for their volunteer efforts, and he will give the Treasurer's report; Seppo will talk about 2012 and going forward; Satu Mikkola will give a presentation about FFN; Jukka the election of 2013 Board members and election of auditors; Seppo will close the Annual Meeting.
- c. Hilja Davis leads the Board member search team. She has found five potential candidates who may be willing to run.

5. Other Topics

- a. Seppo will continue as our webmaster, but we do need someone to write content and post on Facebook; Dennis was mentioned as someone who may do that.
- b. FFCPC is contributing \$500.00 to the filming of "Purge" at the Whitsell auditorium on February 12, 8:30 pm. There will be a pre-film reception beginning at 6:30 pm at the Art Museum Library.
- c. The newly formed Finnish Book Club is meeting at Katariina's house on January 26, 4:00 pm. The selected book is *True* by Riikka Pulkkinen. The next meeting will talk about *Purge*.
- d. Andrea is applying for a grant from FNN to travel to Finland to study the Green Fair Finland movement. Jukka moved and Ray seconded to have Greg and Seppo write and sign off on a letter of recommendation for Andrea. Motion carried.