

Minutes for FFPC Board Meeting March 10th, 2013, 2.00 - 4.00 pm, Finnish Room

Present were: Greg, Anu, Seppo, Chris, Ray, Katariina, Elisa, Allan, Jukka, Dirk, Kai

Minutes of the January 20 meeting were approved with a correction to the second. It should state: 'Jukka moved and Katariina seconded to discontinue...' Jukka moved, Chris seconded the approval of the minutes.

1) Treasurer's report: Dirk has e-mailed out the latest financial. Accuracy of the membership list was discussed. There are multiple lists but it's not clear which is current. Katariina was in charge of the membership list; therefore, her list is the most accurate. The original list from Seppo should be used and updated with new members. We need to simplify the process and have one person in charge of the list.

2) Jukka and Judy's upcoming trip to FFN at Pasadena: Judy will deliver a short speech and will contact Satu Mikkola to clarify if there is anything specific she should address.

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- a) Yvonne Lockwood: publicity of the even was discussed. No contact with Yvonne Lockwood has been made. Yvonne has contacted Seppo earlier; Seppo to send the latest correspondence to Greg. Greg will take over the correspondence and will contact Yvonne to see if she is available on Sep 13.
- b) Maria Kaisla: timing of the event was discussed. Dirk would like to have the event take place late April/May. Dirk has been looking for a venue with a large piano; the charge would be around \$200 for rental of a piano and a room. The venue can seat around 100 people. Elisa is familiar with the place and recommends it highly. We need to lock in a date in order to reserve the room. Agreement needed from the board; May timing seems ideal for the board since there are a lot of conflicts with other events later in the summer/fall. Greg suggested that the board would choose a date and ask Maria Kaisla if she can make it either May 10, 11, 17, or 18. The board agreed.
- c) Sonore Chamber Choir: Katariina updated the board: hotels, transport, advertisement are in order. Katariina has put up the flyers in Lake Oswego and West Lynn. First Christian Church does advertise the event on their web page as well as Messiah, whereas West Lynn does not. Programs need to be translated and copied. It was decided to expand the advertisement to Seattle.

Refreshments before or after the concert: Messiah will serve lunch. First Christian Church will serve nothing before the concert, but we need to bring something for after the performance. Astoria will take care of their events. West Lynn--Jukka suggested not to serve any refreshments. Further budget needed for programs and flowers. The program is important to have since it is already mentioned in Chris's press release. It was agreed that black and white program, which is more cost efficient, is appropriate. Suggested budget of \$200. Chris moved, Kai seconded. Jukka moved raising the budget to \$300. Chris seconded, motion carried

unanimously.

Choir arrives on Saturday and dinner to be organized. Lunch at River Place on Sunday. Messiah Lutheran at 3pm concert, followed by a reception. Monday free. Suggestions for the day are the old highway to Multnomah falls, Timberline, Hood River, Salmon hatchery. Tuesday--Woodburn tulip field, outlet mall, and concert at Peace Lutheran, 7:00 pm. Wednesday--Finnish House, shopping in Washington Square. Thursday—trip to Cannon Beach and Astoria. Greg will deliver a speech at 5pm at the Cannery Pier Hotel. Concert at Peace Lutheran Church, 7:00 pm. Friday—Maritime Museum, FinnWare, Josephson's and Suomi hall. Concert at Valley Bible Church in Rosburg at 7:00 pm. Saturday--the choir leaves for Seattle. Elisa proposed adding Lindgren Cabin to the proposed agenda. Greg/Katariina will contact Andrea Tolonen to see if it's possible to organize.

Chris updated the board for the press release: Press release sent to multiple newspapers and organizations. Examiner.com has already run something about it. Chris mentioned that a press release is very cost efficient but also somewhat unpredictable, since we don't know if it will get published. Elisa suggested adding Oregon City and Gladstone advertising.

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- a) Vappu is Tuesday, April 30. Dave suggested that FFCPC bring some Finnish treats. Dirk volunteered to make Sima. Nakki and potato salad were proposed. Elisa, Greg, Chris, Seppo, Katariina will attend.
- b) Midsummer June 15: last year was successful. We need to appoint a committee to start working on Midsummer. Elisa, Katariina and Jukka will start planning. We need to encourage members outside the board to help with the food booth. Greg will check with Dennis if we can borrow his pop up tent.
- c) Elisa proposed strengthening the ties with other organizations and brought up an idea of a sister city in Finland. Elisa will collect some more information of the process for the board to evaluate. We will discuss in our next board meeting.
- d) Website: Seppo suggesting adding history of FFCPC to the website (still on progress). Chris will write a short history to post to the webpage.
- e) Seppo brought up that in the e-mail address, created for FFCPC, the name is incorrect. It should be Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter. Anu to check if it can be changed.

5) Book Club took place with eight in attendance. Next meeting is May 4th and participants will read 'The Year of the Hare' (Jäniksen Vuosi) by Arto Paasilinna.

Sointula trip: Greg will write a short message to send to the membership.

Kai proposed getting coffee makers for FFCPC for \$75. This was already authorized in a past meeting and

the board confirmed that Kai can go ahead and purchase the coffee makers.

Next meeting to take place Sunday, April 14th, 2pm.

Ray motioned to adjourn, Jukka seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.