

Minutes for FFCPC meeting Apr 7th, 12.00 - 14.00

Present were: Greg, Anu, Dirk, Chris, Jukka, Dennis, Elisa, Kai, Katariina

Minutes of the March 10 meeting were approved, Chris moved and Dirk seconded the approval of the minutes.

- 1) Treasurer's report: Dirk did not have all details of the proceeds of the last Sonore performances. Katariina had deposited the funds. Dirk to finalize the overview once all details are provided to him.

Dirk motioned to send any proceeds from their visit to Sonore. Dirk will put together a final budget. Greg motioned to table the issue until we have the final proceeds, Chris seconded.

- 2) Reports of officials or special committees

- a. Jukka on FFN's 60th anniversary

Jukka and Judy participated in the gala in Pasadena. They were provided a package including books and DVD about Finland. The gala had an extensive program including the ambassador of Finland. POY gave a performance. Judy gave a little presentation about the Finnish room. Satu Mikkola and Eila Chisholm attended the gala.

Surprise visit by Eino Gron who performed a song for the audience to end the gala.

- b. Katariina on the Sonore Choir performances

Katariina thanked everybody who helped with the Sonore concert, especially Greg who did a lot of work in Astoria. Concerts were well received and turnout was great.

Request from Messiah of \$95 was brought forward for the lunch. A proposal of splitting the amount into half between FFCPC and Messiah. Katariina moved paying \$45 to Messiah for the expenses, Greg seconded. Motion carried.

- c. Elisa on a sister city

Sister cities international program exists in the US. Sister city agreements are co-operative agreements between cities to promote cultural or promotional ties. Creates and strengthens ties between US and other countries. Community of any size can decide to join the program. 5 different types of programs exist including cultural and educational. Portland has 9 sister cities, none in Finland.

Finlandia Foundation also has a sister city program. Elisa contacted Finlandia Foundation national in Pasadena and received an answer from Anita Smiley.

Jukka raised an issue with our capacity in the short term to start the process considering other items on our plate. Chris mentioned it would bring great publicity and brought up the point that Portland might already have a person who handles sister cities.

Chris and Elisa will find out more from the city of Portland.

3) Unfinished business

a. Greg or Dave on Vappu April 30, Tuesday

Dirk will bring Sima. The Swedish group seemed to think it was our responsibility to publish the event. An e-mail was sent to the membership, Greg will post on website. The understanding was that we were invited as a guest and should not take responsibility of the publicity. Clarity on the information is needed. Katariina mentioned that it is a SHF initiative and we have no obligation to promote the event. Greg will contact SHF to find out who the key people are. Anu to send out another e-mail to the membership.

b. Dirk on POY, Marja Kaisla, May 17 at Classis Pianos

7.30 start, program without intermission but with some explanation and introduction of the program. Parking can be challenging so people should reserve enough time to find a parking spot. Parking either on street or in the parking lot of nearby pharmacy after 7pm. Need to start publicity. Chris has received input from Marja Kaisla and will write a press release. Chris to draft a poster and Katariina will help to create a poster.

Dirk proposed charging more than \$5 since too low price might make people think the performance is not good. Katariina suggested \$10, the board agreed.

FFCPC is responsible for paying a \$500 honorarium and housing of Maria Kaisla. We are committed to spend what is needed so no set budget is needed. Jukka moved to move forward, Dirk seconds.

Chris suggested a budget of \$200 for publishing, which was approved.

4) New Business

a. Mid-summer June 15th. Greg needs to send a check to SHF to reserve a spot. Serving salmon on rye was suggested again; Katariina can order the bread. Greg, Dennis and Dirk will purchase items from Costco. Elisa brought up an idea of promoting Kantele in the fair. Elisa can bring a Kantele and show how to play it. The board agreed.

b. LOY Sep 13. Pirjo is in subcommittee and has been talking to Yvonne. Discussion about another lecture in Astoria. \$500 honorarium and housing will have to be paid by FFCPC.

National will pay transportation. No venue has been set up; an auditorium in MAC is an option. This can bring in a large audience interested in weaving and crafts. Will be discussed further in next meeting.

- c. Membership pins: Katariina mentioned that board members should have tags for easy identification in any event. Greg will contact Dave and order a pin for new board members. Jukka moved purchasing pins for new board members, Katariina seconded. Anu Chris, Ray, Allan, Kai, Greg need one. Greg will contact Dave to order. Motion carried.
- d. Annual maintenance of the Finnish room: floors need to be rubbed and polished during the summer. Clean up of the room needs to be done as well. Greg will follow up. If the room is converted into high tech there is no clarity whether we keep the ownership of the room. The ownership of the room has not been clarified with PSU. A letter to identify FFCPC as the owner has gone missing.

5) Announcements:

Book club in May in Salem the book will be Year of the Hare.

Next meeting May 5th 2pm.

Jukka brought up the website and adding some items about the history of FFCPC.

Jukka motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kai seconded. Meeting was adjourned 13.45.