

Minutes for FFCPC meeting May 5th, 12.00 - 14.00

Present were: Greg, Anu, Dirk, Ray, Allan, Katariina, Elisa, Chris, Denis, Kai and Peter Borchard

Minutes of the Feb 20th and Apr 7th meeting were approved, Allan moved and Ray seconded the approval of the minutes.

- 1) Treasurer's report : Net income for the year approx \$900. Sonore profit around \$630. ½ of gate profits minus expenses were already given to Sonore. All costs are not counted yet so the final net proceeds are not known yet. Katariina proposed waiting after we know what the situation will be after Marja Kaisla performance to decide whether to give Sonore part of the proceeds. Ray moved to table the issue until the net proceeds have been finalized, Katariina seconded.
- 2) Linda Bergeron from Halfway Library offered FFCPC some Finnish items they had received from their sister city Jeppo. Katariina suggested offering some of the items for the annual meeting raffle. Greg to call Linda to find out what is still available.
- 3) Vappu: Good turnout in the Vappu party; around 75-80 people joined. Big bonfire, singing, sima and a good atmosphere. Greg found out that all is expected from FFCPC is to send out an e-mail to the members. The catering for next year was discussed. Dave might not provide the food next year. Dirk pointed out that the agreement was to take turns between Finland and Sweden to bring food. Sweden did not bring any food this year but did bring some cups and napkins. Chris mentioned that the party was a little disappointing in the way that there were several cliques and it was difficult to connect. Also most of the participants were Norwegian or Swedish. Finnish singing was missing. Katariina proposed getting together with Swedish team to better prepare for next year.
- 4) Elisa introduced photographer Peter Borchard to the board. Peter talked about his vision and goal of his photographs which is to bring the healing and calming beauty of the nature to people in the city. He offers people a chance to rotate artwork at their homes or businesses. Peter might be able to help FFCPC to revamp some of the photography in the Finnish room. He is interested in connecting FFCPC and providing some art to beautify the room. Elisa suggested using an existing image of Finland. Peter can help with blowing up an image to update the picture on the backwall of the Finnish room. Elisa mentioned we might be able to find a grant we could offer to Peter.
- 5) Marja Kaisla May 17th concert: Dirk and Chris have been working on the event. We need to get housing for Marja Kaisla. Greg will book a hotel for 2 nights total of \$140 + meals. Press release went out, Facebook post about the concert has already had almost 600 reviews. Facebook post has been shared by Finlandia Foundation National and other Finnish organizations. There will be a telephone interview with Marja on radio prior to the concert.

Chris mentioned a 'Played in Oregon'- program for any recording done in Oregon. In order to get Marja Kaisla's playing in air we need a recording of the concert. Estimate for recording \$120. Satu Mikkola from Finlandia Foundation National was able to get the funding. We might have to write a check and have National reimburse us. National was also interested in using the picture in the poster created for the concert. Chris has asked if National would be willing to reimburse FFCPC for the poster.

Piano music is universal so we don't have the same restrictions as Sonore singing in Finnish. Classic Piano suggested this might be popular and might get sold out so Elisa agreed to take reservations. So far 6 tickets reserved. Elisa can put word in to the piano teachers. The poster was also sent to Astoria. Anu to send out a reminder prior to the concert.

- 6) Midsummer June 15th 11am-9pm. The menu was discussed; rye bread and salmon is more expensive so we might have to increase the price. We should keep the menu simple and have only small variety of sandwich options. Potato salad, salmon on rye, ice-cream (dry ice needed). Greg and Denise to do another Costco run few days prior to the event. If the weather is not good less ice cream. Food handlers cards; Greg, Katariina (might have expired). Volunteers needed, Anu to send out an e-mail to the members. Denis, Greg, Ray to setup at 9 am. Some items went missing after last year so we need to make a list of items we need to get for this year. Elisa will showcase Kantele and will need some space.

Chris brought up an idea of promoting the sauna culture. We could have a cardboard picture of a naked couple covered with vihta (batch whisk made of birch branches/leaves) with their faces cut out. People could insert their faces and take a picture. We could let people use their own cameras instead of organizing a photographer.

- 7) Sep 13th Yvonne Lockwood lecture. Multnomah Arts Center \$90/hour – 3 hour minimum. Old school building with weaving studios. Suitable since it is decent size, is available for the date. Central location in Multnomah village. Ray moved to reserve the space for Sep 13th. Chris seconded. Motion carried.
- 8) Fin-Nic; date not known yet. Andrea would welcome our participation in Lindgren cabin. We would provide the beverages. Greg to communicate via e-mail.
- 9) Glenda Dawn-Goss: some people in Astoria recommended her. We have so many events in summer so the earliest we could do is in the fall. Could we combine it with the Finnish independence day? Elisa was in contact with Glenda earlier and will find out if she is available around that time.
- 10) Book Club postponed to June 8th in Salem book Year of the Hare.
- 11) Next board meeting June 2nd or 9th 2pm. No meeting in July. August 25th 2pm.
- 12) Ray moved to adjourn the meeting, Dirk seconded. Meeting was adjourned.