

Minutes for FFCPC meeting June 9th, 14.00 - 16.00

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

Minutes of the May 5th meeting were approved, Chris moved and Allan seconded the approval of the minutes.

- 1) Treasurer's report : Marja Kaisla P&L is still incomplete. Ray moved, Allan seconded to reimburse Chris for the \$90 that she paid for costs in excess of the \$400 budget. Motion carried.
- 2) Sonore profit \$614. Since the choir already received half of the proceeds it was agreed that FFCPC will keep the remaining proceeds.
- 3) Marja Kaisla receipts \$600 expenses 914 plus 489 for the program and posters. The loss was larger than expected and the board discussed the fact that not all of the events we organize are profit generating. The going in situation was that we would not make profit with this event since the maximum possible revenue was approx. \$900, which would not have been enough to cover all the costs.

Some board members felt that we lost too much and that the internal promotion was not sufficient. Dirk mentioned that most of the people attending the concert were FFCPC members, outside of the group there would have been only around 10 people. Chris was disappointed that more people outside of the organization did not show up. She also mentioned that one time investment on promoting Finnish culture is not going to make a huge difference; it takes time and work to promote the organization and the events. Katariina mentioned that the board members should bring more guests to the events. Chris mentioned that going forward we could use brown paper tickets that people could book in advance so we'd know in advance how many people will attend.

Another issue brought up was the long line to the theatre next door. Some people might have mistaken that to be the line to the piano concert. The board concluded that the venue might not have been the best even though their piano was really good.

Allan mentioned that next time calling some of the members to remind them of the event might be useful. Also, the last reminder e-mail should be sent on the day of the event. This time it went out couple of days before the event, which might be too early.

- 4) FFCPC received the goods offered by Linda Bergeron; Pirjo would like to buy the Kalevala-koru pendent. Chris moved to sell the pendant to Pirjo for \$40, Jukka seconded, motion carried. Katariina wanted to buy the Finnish Flag, Chris moved to sell the item to Katariina, Jukka seconded – motion carried. Katariina will find out how much a going price will be.

- 5) Mid-Summer: Katariina ordered bread on Wednesday which should arrive prior to the event.

Greg will purchase salmon. The board agreed that we'd rather have too much salmon than too little since some board members would be interested in purchasing the left over.

Katariina together with some other board members will get there early and make some sandwiches to make sure we have some ready for the morning.

Dirk and Greg will do the Costco run on Friday and Katariina will purchase the lettuce and rinse it at home so that she will have some of it ready. Jukka, Ray, Katariina, Greg, Denis and Dirk will be there early to set up and possibly help with the sandwiches.

We have to make sure that the bread will be sliced so that every slice is the same size.

We did not sell a lot of coffee last year so the board agreed to use a small coffee maker to make sure the coffee is fresh. It was notified that there are a lot of napkins and disposable plates and forks in the Finnish Room cupboard. We should use some of the supplies in the cupboard.

Dirk and Pirjo were appointed for the Scandinavian of the year and they will have to be in the Oak's park in case they will be chosen to be the winner.

6) Yvonne Lockwood. Dirk has booked the venue for Friday Sep 13th. Astoria was also interested in having her speak in Astoria. Chris will help with publicity. MAC might have some people interested in but they will break for the summer so we might want to reach out to them before that. We should find out if MAC has an e-mail list to reach the students.

Expected costs: Artist honorarium \$300, venue \$300 + hotel and meals.

7) Marja Kaisla's dinner was more than expected; Anu, Pirjo and Chris ended up paying the difference. Jukka motioned, Chris seconded reimbursing them for the costs. Motion carried.

8) Aug 10th Fin-Nic. Andrea Tolonen is expecting some of our group to be there and bring some soda. She also mentioned that wine is welcome. E-mail to membership will be sent in July re the Fin-Nic. Chris will possibly attend as well as Jukka and Judy.

9) Glenda Dawn Gloss'Sibelius lecture: The board felt that this might be one event too many. In addition, we had Marja Kaisla talk about Sibelius recently. In May board meeting it was agreed that Elisa will find out if Glenda Dawn Gloss is available around Finland's Independence day. Jukka motioned not to organize the lecture unless Elisa has committed into something, Chris seconded - motion carried. Greg will check with Elisa if she has done anything.

10) Book club; only four people attended. The weather was nice so some people probably didn't attend because of that. Next book will be the newest book by Sofi Oksanen Kun Kyyhkysset Katosivat (not translated into English yet).

11) Ray moved to adjourn the meeting, Dirk seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 15:25.