

Minutes for FFCPC meeting August 25th, 14.00 - 16.00

Present were Greg, Anu, Elisa, Allan, Dirk, Ray, Katariina, Chris

Minutes of the June 9th meeting were approved. Allan moved, Katariina seconded the approval of the minutes.

1. Treasurer's report: midsummer event total income was \$340. Kai has a receipt for a coffee maker, which still needs to be reimbursed.
2. Midsummer recap: Lars Nordstrom suggested a herring sampler plate and boiled potatoes. Suggestion was made to replace the Karelian dogs with a herring sampler next year. Salmon sandwich was well received and we should keep that. We should consider increasing the price of the salmon sandwich. Herring and anchovy was something that was not served in Midsummer event. Cheese sandwich didn't sell well but some people still wanted to have a vegetarian option of rye bread with cheese.

Greg brought up an idea of rewarding volunteers with a free sandwich. Some board members opposed the idea thinking people might try to take advantage of it. The issue was tabled and will be discussed again closer to the event next year.

3. Fin-Nic was well attended by 30-35 people. FFCPC donated what was left over from Midsummer; sodas, coffee, dogs and buns. From FFCPC Dave, Cynthia, Jukka, Judy and Greg were present.
4. Yvonne Lockwood, Sep 13. Publicity: Yvonne was late in responding to Chris so the press release is still in progress. Chris has received pictures and the press release will go out next week. A notification to some organizations such as Portland Hand Weavers and Multnomah Arts Centre was sent out. No printed posters, just e-mail. Anu to post to Facebook and e-mail to members. Chris will create a small poster to e-mail to people. If someone wishes to print out and distribute it can be done.

Yvonne suggested asking people to bring hand crafted items to look at. Dirk will need some help to set up the chairs etc. prior to the event. Chris and Allan can help. Start 7pm - 3 hours. 1 hour to set up room available 6-9 pm. Entry fee \$5. Ray to bring a cash box. No food served.

5. Marja Kaisla approved sending out the recording of her concert to broadcasters.
6. San Fair: meeting invitation sent to Dirk. Dirk and Katariina normally attend the meeting. We will organize Joulupukki and Joulumuori. Katariina and Judy to meet; Judy is making a new dress for

Joulumuori. Cynthia might be able to come for one day to act as Joulumuori, we might need another person for the second day.

Elisa mentioned that it's the end of local summer theater season. It would be good idea to ask for material donations for a scene. Some theaters just discard their scenes so they might be willing to donate instead. Elisa had some ideas of theaters to contact. Elisa to look into and report next time.

7. Subcommittee for annual meeting: 2-3 volunteers needed. No date set up yet. Elisa volunteered, Chris with some reservations. Present the board with some ideas in October. Earlier events; sit down dinner, Mannerheim speech. It seems that there is not much interest for sit down dinners. Pot luck might be a better idea and is more affordable. Cafeteria can be used if we want to pay for it. Another idea was to show a movie before the meeting. Allan suggested people to forward any ideas to Elisa. The experience is not to do it too big; serve pot luck in the Finnish room and expand next year if it's successful. Would be great to have new young people to come in and attend the annual meeting.
  8. Astoria Regatta & Viking Ship: Dave would like some FFCPC people in traditional Finnish costumes to march along the ship. August 10th, 2014. FFCPC should be part of the regatta if all other Nordic countries participate. Elisa pointed out that we should have some historical facts on what Finnish people did at the time and promote the Finnish culture separating it from the Vikings.  
  
Greg to ask Dave if he can come to the next board meeting to talk about his idea for the event and how he wants to position it; all Scandinavian, not just Vikings. Scandinavian heritage foundation is organizing the event.
  9. Elisa brought up the upcoming Sibelius year in couple of years. International festival. Elisa to check the timing for next meeting. Something FF national might have in their plan; Greg to follow up.
  10. Finnish Book Club 9/21 at Maarit's place. Seven Brothers book + movie (movie only in Finnish no subtitles).
  11. Walk to end Alzheimer's. Chris signed up and created a team to participate in the walk. Sep 8th 3pm. Portland International Raceway distance 3 miles. Dirk pointed out that any donations would need to come individually from FFCPC members; FFCPC bylaws prevent FFCPC from donating since it is not related to promoting Finnish culture.
  12. POY nominations due 9/14. Greg to write something up and e-mail Anu to send to members.
  13. Next board meeting 9/22; 14:00 pm. Greg to invite Dave to talk about the Viking ship.
- Ray moved to adjourn the meeting, Chris seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 15:25.