

Minutes for FFCPC meeting October 20th, 12.00 - 14.00

Present were: Greg, Anu, Dirk, Ray, Katariina, Kai, Chris, Dave

Minutes of the Sep 22nd meeting were approved, Ray moved and Dirk seconded the approval of the minutes.

- 1) Treasurer's report : Dirk e-mailed the profit & loss reports to the board. Bank account balance \$11k, no call outs.
- 2) Scan Feast; multiple members of the FFCPC board attended the Scan Feast auction and gala on Oct 19th. The event was fun and well organized and SHF was able to raise money. Cynthia Pannell won the auction for a visit to a logcabin in Lappajarvi, Finland. Plenty of Finnish people attended the event.
- 3) Annual event; Chris and Elisa were not able to get together for planning the annual event. Chris mentioned that we should try to get the younger people engaged. Katariina could talk to some young adults to find out what they would be interested in. The annual meeting might not be the right event for them to come and meet. Chris will talk to Katariina's children to get some ideas on how to get the kids involved. Jukka's children are also in the right age group and might be available for a chat.

Katariina suggested not spending a lot of money on annual meeting. Dave suggested using the Finnish Church in North Portland. Katariina brought up the fact that we are in the process of selling the church and it might be the last chance we can use it. Greg will help with the annual meeting project. Greg and Chris will get together to come up with some ideas. Any ideas should be e-mailed to Greg and Chris. Event will take place in Feb.

- 4) Viking Ship Project: Dave suggested FFCPC to sponsor the boat for \$200. The Viking ship will be at ScanFair. If FFCPC sponsors the boat we can use the boat free of charge. FFCPC could use the ship to collect money by charging people to take pictures with the boat. Chris moved sponsoring \$200 for the sign and gas for moving the boat, Kai seconded. Motion carries.

The boat can be beneficial in creating more traffic to Joulupukki area, if the boat will be in the same area. However, Joulupukki should be the main event and not have the boat competing with it so they shouldn't be too close. The boat will be in the hall and people can take their own pictures with the boat wearing helmets. SHF expects the boat to be in the event.

- 5) Scan Fair advertisement options are: \$200 full page, \$100 ½ page and \$50 for ¼ page.

Kai moved using \$100 for ½ page ad. Ray seconded, motion carries. Chris can help with writing the ad. Dave brought up that FFCPC is accessorizing event and has created one of the best features of the event. FFCPC should not be charged for attending the event.

- 6) Preparing Lihapiirakka at Holladay Park Church Fri 11/22. The church is reserved from 10am – 2pm. Jukka will buy the ingredients and Seppo will be there with the recipe. Dennis, Greg, Jukka, Judy, Seppo and Eva will be preparing Lihapiirakka.

The rent is \$100 for 4 hours. Dave suggested sharing the space with the Swedish team next year to cut the cost. Katariina's friend Päivi Kilpi will provide Pulla and will be baking but has limited space for freezing so we need to be quick to pick them up. She will not charge for her work but will charge for the ingredients.

- 7) Update on Joulupukki; meeting planned next week 10/29 to brainstorm. The planning is in starting point and will be ongoing. Last year we charged \$12 for a paper copy + digital photo, only paper picture \$ 8. We should keep last year's prices since it did generate profit. We need a different camera since last year there were issues with red eyes, which delayed sending the pictures out. We might be able to borrow someone's camera. We should be able to send the pics directly if the red eye issue can be solved.
- 8) Seppo will give a speech on Finnish Independence day and there will be some singing. Katariina mentioned that a choir will be singing Finnish songs in the event and they are planning to learn Maamme Laulu.
- 9) Board members whose nomination is up in January: Hilja Davis is the head of the nomination committee. Chris moved to nominate Dave, Katariina seconded, motion carries.
- 10) Nov 9th at 4pm book club will take place but Katariina will not be able to host it so Maarit will host. The book Maid Silja is hard to get at Amazon, Greg got his copy from Barnes&Noble in couple of days.
- 11) ½ day retreat to talk about how to get the youth involved. We could use 15 minutes from the board meetings to brainstorm instead of having separate session. Do we want to keep the course the same or do we want to change course and something different in 2014? Dave mentioned that there have been Finnish Films in Norse hall and we can use the opportunity to invite Finnish people. Usually subtitled Finnish films. Mother of Mine is a movie that was suggested. We could also use a movie night to invite young people. We should have a mailing list of young people. Cynthia might be willing to help to create a Facebook page for young Finns in Portland.
- 12) Next board meeting November 17 at 12pm.
- 13) Ray moved to adjourn the meeting, Dave seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 1:15.