

Minutes for FFCPC meeting November 17th 2013, 12.00 - 14.00

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

Minutes of the Oct 20th meeting were approved, Ray moved and Dirk seconded the approval of the minutes.

- 1) Treasurer's report: Reports sent out to all board members, no special call outs. Bank account balance \$11k.
- 2) Annual event 2014: Chris and Greg did not have a chance to meet so no progress made. Chris and Greg will meet to brainstorm ideas for the meeting. We need to set a date, decide on agenda, location, servings etc. Elisa mentioned that at annual meeting we want to have members present so the program should be something that the members will have a connection to. Some ideas included: volunteer awards, cultural events, Elisa could bring Finnish children to sing, young American string players playing Finnish music, writing contest to all age groups (possible topic 'What it means to be Finnish'). We would need to start the writing contest soon and have prizes.

Jukka mentioned that people might want to come and relax and watch an informational DVD from National. The meeting is more formal and should include some food and possible a guest speaker. Someone from Astoria could come and talk. Katariina had seen a short video 'Why to travel to Finland'. Room has high-tech equipment so we could even have program broadcasted from Finland.

Notification will need to be send to members 30 days prior to the annual meeting. The last chance to see the church before it's sold might draw some members. The decision was made to have the annual meeting Sunday Feb 16th 12pm. Katariina will contact the Finnish church to see if we can have the meeting there. Someone (Pirjo, Eila) could also speak about the church. We could honor Pirjo for her work in the Finnish community.

- 3) Preparing Lihapiirakka at Holladay Park Church: Jukka will get the ingredients on Thursday, baking will take place on Friday. Ingredients for 120 slices will be purchased. Dennis, Greg, Jukka, Judy, Seppo and Eva will be preparing the Lihapiirakka. Last year Jukka brought a mixer and own pots etc., we should do the same this year.

E-mail needs to be sent out to the members to ask for volunteers.

Katariina's friend Päivi will prepare Pulla during Thanks Giving weekend. Greg can pick up the pulla. It is easier to bake whole loafs and slice them, price \$0,50/slice. We have coffee, will need to get beverages. Dennis and Greg will get beverages.

4) Joulupukki update: have not decided what the scene will be. Katariina's husband Ola and the lady who took pictures last year will help. Judy has made elves, the team will prepare punatulku (bird). Elisa can bring a small Christmas tree. Katariina has 3 trees and Judy has some but more is needed. The scenery will be the same as last year with some elements added. Katariina will organize a working party to make the punatulku

5) Finnish Independence Day and Songs: Seppo will organize the independent day celebration and has some topics to talk about regarding Finnish history. Seppo thinks it would be good to have grown ups to sing in the choir. Last year the singing was not prepared well enough.

Finnish school will not participate this year. We will be performing at 12:45 on Saturday. Scandinavian Choir will be performing on Sunday. Aino Bakos and Katariina have joined the choir and will be singing songs from all Nordic countries. We only have 15 minutes for the speech and singing so we have to make sure the speech is very short. Last year the structure was Finlandia, speech, Maamme Laulu.

6) Olli Hirvonen: Olli Hirvonen a jazz guitarist and his assembly would like to organize a concert in Portland May-June 2014. We could either sponsor the event or only promote the event to our members but not sponsor the event. Chris can ask someone to take a look at the video to find out if it would be something that would have audience in Portland. Maybe we can tie the concert to the mid-summer event. The board members will listen to the video and communicate via e-mail. Astoria might also be interested.

7) Showing a Finnish movie at Reel Nordic Film Night in Feb: we need to let Rick Walker know our choice. Maarit Reed might not be able to obtain Maid Silja movie with subtitles. Jukka had a more recent DVD Napapiirin Sankarit. Greg will take a look at the movie and decide if it's something we want to show.

8) Renewal notices: Dirk mentioned that we should send renewal notices before the annual meeting in February. The official membership list should be sent to the national on Feb 15th. Seppo to set up the renewal form on our website, once done Anu to send a note to all members.

9) Next board meeting: January 12th at noon.

10) Ray moved to adjourn the meeting, Kai seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 1:25.