

Minutes for FFCPC meeting January 12th 2014, 12.00 - 14.00

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

Minutes of the Nov 17th meeting were approved, Chris moved and Jukka seconded the approval of the minutes.

- 1) Treasurer's report: Reports sent out to all board members, no special call outs. Payment to Paivi Kilpi for pulla ingredients still to be made \$25. Suggestion was made to pay her for her work. Kai moved to pay \$50 in total to compensate for her work as well, Ray seconded. Motion carries.

ScanFair – Joulupukki and food booth: Joulupukki proceeds were \$900 but the profit of the food booth was small. Some changes to the Joulupukki scene were suggested for next year. Overall the event was very successful thanks to many volunteers. We should have a formal resolution to thank everybody on the Joulupukki since it brought us a lot of money. A lot of work was needed to take the scene down for the night on the other hand the location was great right before the entrance. Katariina wanted to thank all volunteers specifically Ola who made the pictures possible. Dirk and his sister helped to put up the scene. Everybody got together and helped to make the event success. Katariina did a great job in organizing the Joulupukki.

Several people helped in the food booth as well, the proceeds were only \$59.

- 2) Reel Nordic Film Night – Napapiirin Sankarit Feb 11, 6:30 Norse Hall: Another note to be sent to the membership.
- 3) Olli Hirvonen, jazz guitarist based in New York. Assembly will be in Seattle May 30th so it would make sense to have them come to Portland then. Greg will contact Olli to ask for cost estimate and if he already has an idea of the venue etc. Midsummer party is June 14th or in Astoria June 20th so he could contact their committee. Astoria music festival in June.
- 4) Nominations needed for new board members: at least Jukka's, Dirk's and Ray's term is up. We should consider if there are any new people interested in joining the board. We should e-mail membership to ask if anybody is interested and the request should be posted on the website. Nomination chair needs to be appointed who could possibly call any possible candidates.
- 5) Annual program: two guest speakers. Food and drink reception to start with (lax and open faced sandwiches or pulla, coffee etc.). The meeting starts at noon. The church might be willing to pitch in and help organize. Introduce the board, review what we have done. We should try to encourage more interaction, ask audience what they'd want us to do and who'd be willing to help. Two presentations 10-20 minutes and musical performance. Question and answer session and meet and greet. Elisa contacted Pirjo Brooks about having kids sing; will be taken into next Finnish School meeting that took place yesterday. If that doesn't work out Elisa will play violin

instead. We need to get a final commitment so we can finalize the program.

Elisa will be in charge of food and Chris will help. Budget is needed, Ray moved \$100 budget, Chris seconded. Motion carries. Around 30-40 people might attend. We need to send out a notice to the membership. Another notice about the membership fees needs to be sent out as well. Katariina mentioned that the message from the church was to encourage board members to attend the service prior to the meeting.

- 6) ScanFair 2014 a proposal by Kai and Greg: Food booth profit was minimal so we could save money and effort by not serving lihapiirakka. A lot of work was done for \$59 profit. We could just have coffee and pulla and have a promotional booth. Dirk proposed to serve pickled herring, hard boiled eggs etc and test drive it next summer in Midsummer. Since joulupukki is doing so well we could also focus on that more. Jukka moved that we'd reconsider the Scanfair food booth for next year, Chris seconded. Motion carries.
- 7) Sponsorship for Ptd Film Festival, film and private reception Feb 10, 6:00 pm. We made some money two years ago, last year we didn't. Sponsorship \$1000, FFCPC's part \$500. Reception for 25 or 40 people and tickets can be sold to counter the \$500 investment. Dave moved we'd sponsor the event and reception, Ray seconded. Motion carries. Tickets were sold too cheap earlier at \$20 last year. We should negotiate on the price. In the past we haven't had a say on the price.
- 8) Finland's 100th Independence Celebration 2017: we need research what FF National or other Finnish organizations are planning to do. We need to start early but keep it in fundamental level since it is still very early. Dave moved, Jukka seconded organizing dinner etc celebration. Ray opposed since nobody will likely remember this in 3 years and the burden will be left on the future board. Dave suggested putting it into the website as a reminder. Add to Facebook and ask comments.
- 9) Jukka asked board to consider a donation to SHF for a fundraising general fund. There is a matching challenge where all donations up to \$6.500 are matched. Kai moved donating \$100 Ray seconded. Motion carries.
- 10) Book club meeting Feb 15, 4pm in Dayton 'Ihmisen Osa'.
- 11) Capella Romana concert, e-mail will need to be sent to members. Typically they are sold out.
- 12) Next board meeting: February 16th at noon The Annual Meeting. Tentative meeting date for March 16th at noon.
- 13) Ray moved to adjourn the meeting, Jukka seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00.