

Minutes for FFCPC meeting April 13th 2014, 12.00 - 14.00

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

Minutes of the March 16th meeting were approved, Pete moved and Ray seconded the approval of the minutes.

- 1) Treasurer's report: The board congratulated Dirk for his appointment of the treasurer of the FFN. Greg pointed out that some members have not paid their dues and suggested sending another e-mail and maybe calling some of the members.
- 2) Reports of Officers or Special Committees:
 - a) Ranking FFCPC activities from annual meeting: Pete did the analysis based on high, medium and low rankings. Pete will send out the final analysis and we can vote in next meeting what activities to undertake. Dave brought up that we typically benefit in collaborating with other Nordic organizations and that we shouldn't isolate ourselves from the larger Nordic community.
 - b) Vappu: Dave and Dirk will make sima, someone will bring donuts. Katariina mentioned that we will sing Finnish National Anthem in Finnish.
 - c) 150th Anniversary of Jean Sibelius: Elisa has created a Facebook group and has invited some Finnish Americans to the group and members that are Elisa's Facebook friends. Other people can apply to join the network "Finnish Art and Music". 8 members in the group currently. Elisa has sent a note to the members of the group that we are planning a Sibelius event. She will contact some people who might be able to contribute. The plan is to organize a concert to celebrate Sibelius. Currently an annual concert in December is organized by a Finnish church; classical concert where local musicians play Finnish music. We could investigate possibility of collaborating with them.
Katariina brought up that we should work together with SHF to organize something to attract larger audience. Elisa suggested a monthly e-mail to members with some facts about Sibelius to create awareness to the upcoming event. Chris mentioned we might be able to expand the mailing list to other interested parties and that that FFN might already have a Facebook page regarding Sibelius. Chris suggested partnering with a symphony etc. to organize a larger concert together with other Nordic organizations. Chris is interested in working together with Elisa to investigate the possibilities. Chris and Elisa to update the board in next meeting. Dirk mentioned the FF Seattle chapter and Seattle symphony will organize Sibelius concert. Oregon symphony agenda for next year already includes Sibelius's Tapiola. Dirk suggested FFCPC organize a block of tickets and a reception for FFCPC members and other interested Finns to attend this performance.
- 3) Cynthia will give Pete access to update the Facebook page. We have three ways to promote our events; Facebook, e-mails and webpage.
- 4) Olli Hirvonen is working on organizing a venue in Portland, and thanked the board for the contribution.
- 5) Unfinished business:
 - a) Andrea Tolonen's presentation: 1-hour event. Andrea will need some tech help setting up and playing music etc. Pete can help. Friday night would be best for Andrea. Pete and Chris to talk offline about

contacting holistic health care organizations. Alternative medicine organizations might even be willing to host the event. Elisa mentioned this is a great opportunity to bring some new information about Finland and can create publicity for our chapter. Chris and Pete to work together to plan the event.

- b) Booth at Nasalle Festival July and Astoria midsummer June: Astoria: are our members in Astoria interested in manning a booth? Jukka mentioned we can have small section of Judy's booth to have presence, if Judy will be there. Or we could ask to have a space in another vendor's booths instead of having our own booth.
 - c) Fin-Nic Aug 16th was suggested by Andrea Tolonen. Board agrees on the date.
- 6) New Business
- a) Midsummer: We need to apply the food license and pay for the table. Bakery in Astoria has some dark rye we can order. Food to be served; salmon on rye, hot dogs, herring with potatoes and sour cream. E-mail will be sent to members to ask for volunteers. It was agreed that volunteers can get free coffee and sandwich at a reduced fee.
We could have a moomin picture or poster. Discussion tabled until next meeting.
Advertising \$75 full page and \$50 ½ page, Sponsorship Individual sponsor \$100. Ray moved to purchase a full page add, Jukka seconds. Motion carries, cost \$75.
 - b) Tove Jansson's 100th anniversary: most venues already have their plans set for this year so we are a little late. We also have nothing to give to the museums to display. Katariina mentioned Moomin movies. Dave has a pop up tent; we could bring a computer to show moomin shows for kids during Scan Fair.
 - c) Pentti Sammallahti; Todd Tubutis from Blue Sky gallery (non-profit) gave a presentation to introduce their gallery and planned Pentti Sammallahti exhibition. The gallery has international scope, 2 exhibitions in month, no entrance fee. In July hosting Pentti Sammallahti, who was granted 10-year artist fellowship by the Finnish government. Not sure if Pentti can make it to the US for the exhibition. Gallery anticipates sales of some his work; \$1200-\$5000 price range. Portland Art Museum has purchased works exhibited in Blue Sky. Alcohol can be served in the gallery and they can organize events. Gallery is funded by membership program, state and governmental funds. So far \$1750 received from FFN to support the Sammallahti exhibition. If FFCPC will donate \$250 SHF will match that. Chris moved to sponsor the gallery for \$250, Elisa seconds. Motion carries.
Chris mentioned possibility for FFCPC of buying a piece for the Nordic center.
 - d) Fan girl event; FFN national has asked chapters to promote the event. Elisa suggested finding lodging for the women. Elisa can take care and host them; Pete can connect them with his contacts.
- 7) Book club May 3rd at Katariina's house. Anything by Tove Jansson. Was chosen to raise awareness amongst older people to promote Tove Jansson movies and books to their grandchildren.
- 8) European Parliament Election will be organized in Finlandia Sauna. FFCPC could have promotional flyers there. Anu to send members a note about the election 16-17 May.
- 9) Next board meeting May 18th at noon.

Ray moved to adjourn the meeting, Kai seconded. Meeting was adjourned 1:55