

Minutes for FFCPC meeting June 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, 12.00 - 14.00

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

Minutes of the Apr 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved, Pete moved and Katariina seconded the approval of the minutes.

- 1) Treasurer's report: Reports sent out to all board members, no special call outs
- 2) Reports of Officers or Special Committees:
  - a) Vappu: April 30: 13-15 Finns participated. Dave and Dirk made sima, which was popular. Dirk mentioned that sima would be a good item to sell during mid-summer. Fair amount of people were singing. Venue might be different next year because the owner is considering selling the place. The feeling was that the event was not well enough advertised.
  - b) Book club gathering, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Great event with approx. 13 people. Next book: "Hytti numero 6" by Rosa Liksom in September.
  - c) Moomin prototype: should be brought to Midsummer festival and Astoria.
  - d) Viking ship: big hit in starlight parade. 12 people on the boat and 4 dancers and walkers. Some people had seen the float on TV and it looked good. Especially the national costumes were very important and made the boat pop up. Going forward we need more Finns on the float. Viking ship will appear in the Astoria regatta. Dave moved to prepare a reflective sign for the ship cost \$225. \$50 for Dave + \$175 for preparation, Chris seconded. Motion carries.
  - e) Olli Hirvonen is performing tonight Jun 1<sup>st</sup>. There was some confusion if there was one or two concerts, some of the publications went out with incorrect information.
- 3) Unfinished Business:
  - a) Event ranking analysis: Gives some guidelines what members' interests. FFCPC membership is homogenous and fairly passive. The board should decide instead of asking the membership.
  - b) Midsummer June 14<sup>th</sup>: Dennis, Jukka, Pete will help with the set up. Dennis and Greg to get the items Fri night; Dirk can bring last year's shopping list. Iced coffee could be a new item to add to the list. New item to the list is herring; the decision was made to make a small amount of herring with potato salad to avoid the boiling of the potatoes on site. Menu will consist of: 1. Herring, rye bread, potato salad 2. Open faced salmon sandwich 3. Hot dog. Items are sold separately or as a meal deal with potato salad and a soda. Need some people to make the sandwiches. A note to be sent to members for volunteers. We could get some Pellegrino sparkling water. If the weather will be warm we should get some ice cream. If we get the rye bread from NY we need to increase the price? Katariina to order 3 sets of rye bread from NY and we can use Astoria bread for herring.
  - c) Andrea Tolonen's Green Care presentation on hold until fall
- 4) New Business:
  - a) Brochures to be distributed in various events. Need more copies, 250 for \$100. Jukka to check if he can print color copies and if they look good. Chris moved, Jukka seconded to print another 250

copies if needed. Motion carried.

- b) Donation to support Naselle Finnish festival: Finnish American Society had given \$100. Only Finnish festival, so we should sponsor them and try to get new members from Naselle. For any additional members part of the proceeds would be returned to Naselle festival. Jukka moved to donate \$250, Dave seconded. Dirk amended making the donation longer term; we have the intent of supporting the festival annually/every other year. Dave mentioned that Finnish American Society might match the donation. Motion carries. Greg to inform Naselle.
- c) LOY film director Suzanne Jurva Yoopera!: would be different from what we have done in the past. She is a documentary maker, making movies with Stephen Spielberg. Should explore together with SHF; there might be interest. Greg to send an e-mail to SHF. Need to find out if she is the LOY for the calendar year? Could be done together with the film festival?
- d) FinNic August 16, 12:00: Request for FFCPC to provide both beverages and food this year. We could help buying food but they should provide the funds. Issue tabled.
- e) Jean Sibelius and Annual Program dinner Feb 2015: FFN organizing multiple events throughout the year. In Finland the intent is to organize events in cities that are significant in Sibelius' life. Sibelius birth town foundation is the main organizer. In Portland Oregon Symphony Orchestra is organizing concerts including Sibelius. FFN would like us to partner with local organizations. Could we collaborate with Seattle to invite a performer? Can we find out if Marja Kaisla would do another concert? Seattle has already set up multiple concerts. FFN board will meet in Seattle including Marja Kaisla. Establish FFCPC Sibelius Jubilee Committee: Elisa, Chris, Dave.

Two Sibelius concerts coming up in 2015 in Portland.

Elisa presented her ideas of possible events to organize. Greg brought up that we should combine with the annual meeting eg. Showing a film in the meeting.

Chris can contact radio stations once she gets the dates for the concerts. Could organize an interview with the performer. We should try to get the PSU music department involved.

- f) Nordic center: some more funds are still needed and the word should be spread that now is the time to give. SHF making a pitch to companies owned by Scandinavian people. The building permit was obtained and the construction should be started asap. Greg will write up an e-mail to members to donate now.
  - g) Jukka brought up a request to paint and do some light updating of the Finnish Room. There was a frame on the blackboard which should be put back on and sliding doors are not working properly. Will be discussed during the next meeting.
  - h) Viking Ship: we could leave the ship into the area after Nasalle and participate in the Astoria regatta parade; could be Finnish only and could be used to advertise the Sibelius year in 2015. 9<sup>th</sup> August.
- 5) Next meeting August 10<sup>th</sup> at noon.
  - 6) Pete moved to adjourn the meeting, Chris seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:15.