

Minutes for FFCPC meeting August 10th 2014, 12.00 - 14.00

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

Minutes of the June 1st meeting were approved, Pete moved and Dirk 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) Midsummer: Result was ok, we ran out of hotdogs and herring. The bread from NY was not as good as last year. Also, the bread and salmon were expensive. A possibility of baking the bread ourselves next time was discussed.
 - b) Blue Sky Pentti Sammallahti exhibition: 6 people from the board attended, FFCPC was well represented.
 - c) Naselle: Better attendance than prior years. Ship was well photographed. Dirk was on the float and mentioned that people's reaction was great. Next time FFCPC could sell some food items if we got a booth. Pete had talked to Mike Swanson, who might be interested in joining the board. Would be a good connection between Naselle and FFCPC.
- 3) Unfinished Business:
 - a) Moomin: another Moomin under construction as well as Pippi Longstocking, Lego man and Joulupukki are ready to paint. Will be done well in advance of Scan Fair. We can get some space to run a Moomin movie and have moomin stands. SHF likes the idea, there is more interest in children's things.
 - b) Fin-Nic: FFCPC provides condiments, coffee and drinks. We have some leftover sodas from Midsummer, Greg will take them to Fin-Nic and will purchase some additional soda. Dirk will bring some left over mustard and ketchup. Greg will go, Pete and Chris are not sure if they can make it. Approx. 30-35 people typically attend, not a good turnout from FFCPC. Pete mentioned that some of the items in the grocery back will expire so he might consider bringing them to sell. Greg will check with Andrea if we need to bring mayo, tomatoes, etc. Pete has a small BBQ he might be able to borrow.
- 4) New Business:
 - a) Improving our profit margins: At Midsummer bread and salmon were expensive. No cost comparison between the salmon we used and Costco salmon. Can do well with herring. Multiple people in the board have tried to bake the bread. We should be able to cut down the price of the bread. Pete was invited to tour the French bakery and maybe able to work with them to make a batch of ruisleipa. The bakery might be willing to do it for FFCPC if we have enough orders. Greg will talk to the salmon provider since he had increased the price significantly from last year. We could advertise him during Midsummer against more reasonable pricing.
 - b) Cultural center building to start this week; should be done in a year. We need to ensure we have access to the kitchen and other facilities, which might require a sizable donation. Dave made a motion that if SHF asks for a grant from FFN for the cultural center we provide a letter of support,

Chris seconds. Most of the grants that were asked were for \$5k. Before the construction starts we can make a pledge tied to the progress. We have approx. \$12k on bank, and have some good fundraisers we couldn't do w/out SHF eg. Joulupukki. Dirk can ask if National would match the donation.

We should make the donation contingent upon using the kitchen and other facilities. Dave moved to pledge for Nordic Heritage center \$2500 now and another \$2500 in a year upon completion, with the intent that FFCPC will be able to use the kitchen, meeting rooms and other venues at a discounted fee, subject to the availability. Estimated usage: 1 lecture/year, 1 performer of the year and kitchen usage 4-6 times a year. We could invite the new development manager to the meeting to discuss it with her. Chris seconded , motion carries. Greg to invite Cindy to the next board meeting.

- c) Art for Nordic Center: Katariina has some ideas. At one point we discussed about buying one of the Pentti Sammallahhti photograph. Should broaden the spectrum and do some research. Will be added to the agenda of the future meetings.
 - d) Annual meeting and dinner: subcommittee to do some preliminary work and brainstorming. We can work some Sibelius related items into the program. Subcommittee: Pete, Chris, Dave volunteered. Preliminary report in October board meeting. Dinner is an option, could use Tabor space. PSU foodservice approx. \$25/person.
 - e) Pacific Crest Embroidery: could do our crest in a T-shirt. Add to September agenda. Could buy a patch that can be sewn on anything.
 - f) Donation to Scan Feast: Last year FFCPC board members did purchase a table, chapter did not contribute but individual members had a table. Dave and Pete will purchase a seat if we decide to purchase a table. All of the proceeds of the auction go towards providing program for chapters. Table has to be brought through SHF, not a FFCPC sponsored even but individuals buy seats from SHF; fee for a table \$1500. We don't have to pay yet but need to reserve a table now.
 - g) Potential new board member and Naselle sponsorship: Mike Swanson is interested in joining the board. Some board members' term expires in early 2015. We need to appoint a nomination chair in couple of months; so we have at least one new member interested. In the mean time we could appoint Mike as a committee chair to represent Naselle in order to maintain quorum. We might have people from Naselle attend the annual meeting.
- 5) Announcements:
- a. Book club Rosa Liksom Hytti numero 6. No date for the book club set yet.
- 6) Next meeting September 7th at noon.
- 7) Chris moved to adjourn the meeting, Kai seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:45.