

Minutes for FFCPC meeting October 19<sup>th</sup> 2014, 12.00 - 14.00

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

Absent were: Dirk

Minutes of the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved, Ray moved and Jukka seconded the approval of the minutes.

- 1) Treasurer's report: Balance \$12k, if check to SHF was written it would bring the balance down to \$9.500. A check should have also been written for the ScanFair booth.
- 2) Reports of Officers or Special Committees:
  - a) Book Club: Hytti Number 6 by Rosa Liksom: The meeting was held in Salem, 7-8 people attended. Typically 4-8 people attend the book club, including both board members and FFCPC members. New person John Silke joined the meeting and he enjoyed the book club. The book club has been discussing expanding the scope and visiting Finnish sites with the club.
  - b) Scan Feast: Greg, Elisa and Pete attended from FFCPC board. Overall the evening went well, raised \$82k for the Nordic Cultural Center.
- 3) Unfinished Business:
  - a) Pacific Crest Embroidery: Price of T-Shirts \$15, with a Finnish Flag \$18. We could either purchase to the board members only or order more and sell at different events. Elisa and Chris would like to find out if they have shirts fitted for female. Greg will e-mail and ask. We could also offer order forms and give people more choices. Would ask for a slightly higher price.
  - a) ScanFair: Dirk sent SHF check for reserving a double sized booth. Advertising: Full page \$200, ½ page \$100. Chris moved doing ½ page ad, Jukka seconded. Motion carries

Food plan for hot pot is for Saturday only due to logistics. On Sunday we will serve herring and rice pudding. Pete is in charge of the meat dish, Chris will do rice pudding. Pete is trying to work on logistics and getting to use a commercial kitchen He will make extra potatoes to go with the herring. Costco doesn't carry pickled herring, WinCo has it. Dave will get pickled herring from WinCo. Greg will get the drinks.

The church would like to have passive presence in our booth. They will not sell anything, only promotional. They are also willing to help us serve food. Dave moved, Chris seconded letting them use our booth. Motion carries.

Joulupukki: Katariina hasn't been able to contact Judy regarding some preparations; Jukka will ask Judy to call Katariina. Schulbach family is working on the scene; will need some help with transportation and storage. Dave is trying to make accommodations to store the sleigh. The scene will be a log-house with a Finnish fireplace. Dave asked Katariina to send a sketch of the planned scene. We need another Joulumuori since Cynthia will not be able to do it this year. Price could be higher than \$12 charged last year. Price was set to \$15 including digital +

paper.

Pete is looking into having a credit card swiping system. Pete, Greg and Katariina have food handler's card. E-mail should be sent to members to ask for volunteers.

- b) Annual Meeting and Program: Room reserved, catering booked. Bartender \$25/hour. Dinner \$16. Linen 7\$/table or provide our own linen. 8 tables. 18% gratuity on food, not on bar.

70 people \$1120 + \$240 + \$56 + \$50

Room rental \$450

Total 1896,- Charge \$20 for dinner. Dave moved Chris seconded a budget of \$2100 for food. Dave moved to charge \$20 for meal and FFPC will carry the cost of the program. Recover \$1400. Motion carries.

Program: Dinner entertainment. Elisa contacted Oregon Symphony, their orchestra is already performing that night. Another option is Portland Youth Philharmonic, Elisa also has other contacts, she is working on the program.

Three layout suggestions for postcards; \$100 for 100 cards. Chris and Greg to choose which layout to use. Jukka moved to approve \$100 + stamps total \$150, Dave seconded. Motion carries.

Salmon dinner, Greg to ask if there is vegetarian option.

#### 4) New Business:

- a) Sponsoring float in Astoria Regatta 2015: Sarah Winters does the Lucia court. Emma Northrup and Lucia court were on the regatta in Astoria last time. They can schedule the regatta as part of Lucia court calendar if they know the float will be there. Dave suggested to budget \$100 for transporting the Viking ship. Finnware is already sponsoring through giving products etc. It will give FFPC visibility in Astoria. Pete moved, Chris seconded sponsoring the Astoria regatta for \$100 for transportation of the Viking ship. Motion carries.

- b) Nominating Committee: Pete has not contacted Pirjo to ask if she'd be willing to join the nominating committee. Possible new candidates so far are:

Haleigh See: working on Master's degree in teaching and cultural studies. 23 years old, has given some presentations in Naselle. She studied in Turku.

Mike Swanson: from Naselle; does a lot of work at Naselle festival.

Riikka Salonen: head of cultural diversity at OHSU, graduated from University of Jyväskylä. Pete will meet with her to talk about FFPC goals.

- c) Budget for kitchen equipment: Need to support our kitchen efforts in the events. We could create a budget for a warmer/cooler to keep the food cold/warm. Can cost up to \$500. Pete proposed talking to Dirk about our needs before deciding on what we need; std size stainless steel containers and covers to fit the containers. We should find out what renting would cost.

Used restaurant stores or Rose's supply possible options. Suggestion that the board to preapprove budget of \$500. Chris moved to approve \$500. Multiple members felt that more analysis is needed for the usage, needs, alternative costs etc before purchase. The issue was tabled until further analysis is done.

- d) Budget for Sibelius Duo visit: Tour in the US schools twice next year. Proposal came from Satu Mikkola in Seattle, school concerts planned in Seattle in March. March 19-20 school concerts in Oregon. Elisa is organizing, FF will pay for the concerts. There might be minor travel costs etc. Can organize one public concert on Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March which we could offer to our members. Elisa is looking into what the school concerts include and if it is only for the students. Elisa has extended the opportunity to Astoria and Naselle. Leena Riker wanted to add the duo into the Astoria winter concert series at Liberty Theater. Satu Mikkola has suggested that FF might support the room rental, should go through FFCPC since there is no chapter in Astoria. FFCPC to ask for a grant to cover the rental cost. Should be submitted asap since the grants are first come first serve basis. Should check the events calendar for Astoria and start looking for a venue, need grand piano. Lincoln Hall, Classic Pianos etc. Might want to record the concert. Chris and Elisa to work on the venue.
- e) Dave is working on building a storage shed located in SHF property next to the cultural center. We need the storage place for FFCPC items, it will be a shared storage facility where we can have a space with a lock. \$500 is needed for building material, siding, locker etc. Jukka moved to spend up to \$500 to build the storage. Pete seconded. Motion carries.

5) Announcements:

- a) Next book club meeting: My First Murder by Lehtolainen; at Maarit's place on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b) Next meeting November 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.

6) Ray moved to adjourn the meeting, Pete seconded. Meeting adjourned at 13:50.