

Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2015, 12:00 pm

Portland State University, Cramer Hall Rm 124, 1721 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon, 97201

Check boxes for Board Members present:

- Greg Jacob, President
- Katariina Lehtonen, Vice President
- Dirk Schulbach, Treasurer
- Chris Lazarus
- X Haleigh See
- Jukka Perkiömäki
- Ray Wikman

Check box if quorum present:

Quorum is determined by the presence of a simple majority, per Article V, §3 of 3/10/2012 bylaws

Regular Agenda

- 1) **Meeting called to order** at 12:00 pm, by Greg. Special welcome to Haleigh, new board member, who came all the way from Naselle.
- 2) **Minutes from last meeting.** Were not available.
- 3) **Treasurer's report** – Because of priority of Midsummer planning, we did not have a formal report, but Dirk noted that there were no great changes, we are in process of changing bank to BofA. There is approx \$14K in the account. We lost approx \$2K on 2/14 event, made approx \$1K on Sibelius Russamari/Jussi concert.
- 4) **Name Badges** – Greg has ordered name badges for Sami and Haleigh.
- 5) **ScanFeast, October 3 at new Cultural Center** – Kateriina reported: \$2500 for a table of 10 people, but individuals can also sign up for \$130 but we would not have an FFPC official table if everyone signed up that way. \$130 is an “early bird” price, but there is no cut-off date. SHF is charging more than last year because there is less space at the new Cultural Center than where it was previously held. Suggestion was made to email FFPC members to ask if anyone wants to pay \$250 per person so that we can have an official FFPC table. As per Pirjo's email, each nationality is putting together a basket of donated items from that country to raffle off. ***Anyone who would like to donate something Finnish should email Pirjo.***
- 6) ✨ **MOTION PASSED: Clarification of FFPC Life Membership terms & conditions:** There will be 2 categories of Life Membership, one for family at \$500, one for individual at \$300. Children in a Family Life membership must pay for individual membership once they have reached the age of 25 yrs. Unanimous.
- 7) **Scandinavian of the Year nomination.** Chris will write up the nomination of Judy Perkiomaki based on lots of input received and have Judy, Pirjo and Greg review. Finished writeup due 5/22. [P.S. – Judy won!]
- 8) **Form to acknowledge tax-deductible donation in-kind.** Katariina proposed creating a form that people can submit as proof of a tax-deductible donation in kind to FFPC. Katariina and/or Greg will draft this.
- 9) **Performer of Year Sara Pajunen:** Because we have not received any information from FFN and none is available online, we tabled the decision on a performance until next meeting. (AFTER the meeting, Dirk forwarded information contained in the upcoming FFN newsletter which gives ample background.) General agreement that FFPC should collaborate with Astoria and Seattle on a coordinated set of performances. **Greg or Chris will**

contact Leena and Satu. Chris pointed out that dates and venues need to be determined 2 months prior to any event in order to get maximum publicity – which puts the earliest we can have Sara at November, assuming FFCPC, Astoria and Seattle decide in September to collaborate.

- 10) **Lecturer of Year Taina Elg:** A Finnish-American woman who was a Hollywood starlet in the 1950s will be the LOY for the upcoming season. There was little interest in scheduling a lecture on her experiences.
- 11) **Facebook:** Pirjo will take over FFCPC's Facebook page as Pete has been very busy. [After meeting, Pete designated both Pirjo and Chris as administrators of FB page.]
- 12) **Business cards:** We need to have business cards with FFCPC website, email address and FB page to hand out at our events and Friday Night lecture series/other occasions. Chris will get quote for 1,000 from Visaprint. [After meeting: Cost was \$20, cost was approved by email, and we had them available at Midsummer, but forgot to distribute to all board members.]
- 13) **Donation to SHF/new cultural center:** Although board had voted to donate a total of \$5K to SHF for the new cultural center, contingent on FFCPC having access to the kitchen to prepare food for Midsummer and ScanFair (and possibly other events), this donation has not been made yet, which means that FFCPC is not being honored as a contributor. Motion passed that Katariina will ask Greg at next SHF board meeting how much access FFCPC will receive for the donation.
- 14) **Midsummer PDX:** Dirk prepared a very detailed list of what is needed and we discussed who will buy at Costco (Greg and Dennis), Greg will pick up supplies from Finnish Room at PSU that morning. A schedule of board members manning the booth was set up (both at the meeting and after by email).
- 15) **Book Club:** Date and place of September meeting of the book club have not been decided yet. The book is *The Healer (Parantaja)* by Antti Tuomainen.
- 16) **Finn-Nic:** Will be held Aug 15. Greg will send out an email asking who wants to carpool.
- 17) **Next board meeting:** 8/15 at Finn-Nic for those who make it.

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19) **Meeting adjourned.**