



To Support, Preserve and Cultivate Finnish and Finnish-American Culture

Board of Directors Meeting

September 18, 2016, 2pm

Held in the Finnish Room, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon

Board Members in Attendance: Sami Hyvönen, Chris Lazarus, Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog, Päivi Panttila-Vargas, Jukka Perkiömäki, Dirk Schulbach, Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach, Ray Wikman. Haleigh See attended via cell phone.

Board Members Absent: Greg Jacob, Pete Lee

President Greg Jacob was absent. In his absence, Vice President Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog called the meeting to order. Secretary Pete Lee was absent. In his absence, Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach volunteered to take meeting minutes.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

May 22, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes: Ray Wikman moved to the approve the minutes as submitted by Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Dirk Schulbach seconded the motion. All present approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Prior to the meeting, Treasurer Dirk Schulbach sent via email to the Board the Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter's (FFCPC) Itemized Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the time period January 1, 2016 through Sept. 18, 2016. Total income for the time period is \$1,121.64. Total expenses for the time period are \$2,479.36. FFCPC's bank account balance as of Sept. 18, 2016, is \$13,153.76.

Dirk asked if FFCPC should issue an additional \$2,500 to Nordic Northwest (NNW) for their capital campaign. This would bring FFCPC's total donation to NNW to \$5,000. Per our request, Greg Smith, Executive Director of NNW, sent a letter dated August 5, 2016, to FFCPC President Greg Jacob regarding FFCPC's use of the kitchen at Nordia House. The letter gives FFCPC permission for complimentary occasional use of the kitchen and outlines the requirements for usage. Jukka Perkiömäki moved to approve paying NNW \$2,500. Sami Hyvönen seconded the motion. All approved.

REPORTS:

Naselle Finnish Festival, July 29-31, 2016, Naselle, Washington: Dirk reported displays, films and lectures were excellent. Good food was served as well. Prior to the event, FFCPC donated \$500 to the festival.

Finnic Picnic, August 20, 2016, Cullaby Lake, Oregon: Dirk and Pirjo reported was a nice day for the picnic, a joint event with the Finnish American Society of the West (FASW). Lots of delicious food. Overall, fewer attendees than in past years. FFCPC members in attendance included Dave Alford, Greg Jacob, Elizabeth Newton, Anita Raistakka, Christine Schulbach, Dirk Schulbach, Pirjo Schulbach, and Andrea Tolonen. FFCPC should talk to FASW about inviting the Astoria Finnish Brotherhood to join us next year.

NNW Fogelbo Project: Dirk reported on the status of the landscaping project at Nordic Northwest's Fogelbo property. The property was quite overgrown. Volunteers have cleared shrubs and planted a new lawn, removed much overgrown vegetation, and moved the Finnish swing out of the mud. An architect is creating a master plan for Fogelbo. Volunteers working on the landscaping project include Dave Alford, Bob Basel, Kirsty Dickinson, Judy Perkiömäki, and Dirk Schulbach.

Finland-100: Committee Chair Pirjo and committee members Katariina and Dirk reported on the FFCPC Finland-100 committee's work. Pirjo, Katariina and Dirk met to discuss and develop a calendar of events for 2017. Prior to the Board meeting, Pirjo developed and sent a draft calendar of events for 2017 to the Board for review and feedback. During the Board meeting, Pirjo, Katariina and Dirk reviewed the draft calendar with Board members. Some of events are provided by community members. The Committee proposed FFCPC would provide a range events, some of which are co-sponsored by other organizations such as Nordic Northwest (NNW). Greg Jacob will provide the first FFCPC event of the year, a lecture on *The Kalevala* on Feb. 3, 2017. This event is co-sponsored by NNW and PSU. One focus of the draft schedule is two concerts by musicians who are part of Finlandia Foundation National's Finland-100 Music Program for 2017. Honorarium is \$500 per performance, plus lodging, meals and local transportation. One concert would be in April 2017 by modern kantele player Ida Elina. The second concert would be in October 2017 by cellist Jussi Makkonen and pianist Nazig Azezian. Another highlight of the year would be an Independence Day dinner in December 2017.

Ray Wikman moved the FFCPC Independence Day dinner be scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017. Päivi Panttila-Vargas seconded the motion. All approved.

Chris Lazarus made a motion to support concerts by Finlandia Foundation National's Finland-100 Music Program performers Ida Elina, and Jussi Makkonen and Nazig Azezian with the caveat we find out if the fee for Jussi and Nazig's concert is \$500 or \$1000. Sami Hyvönen seconded the motion. All approved.

Portlandin Suomi Koulu: Sami reported on average 20-25 children attend Suomi Koulu in Portland, mostly younger children.

FFCPC Website: Sami reported the FFCPC website has been moved from Seppo Saarinen to FFCPC. The cost for the website is \$266 for five years, which Sami paid. Chris Lazarus made a motion to reimburse Sami Hyvönen \$266 for the website fee. Päivi Panttila-Vargas seconded. All approved.

Finlandia Foundation National Performer of the Year, Pirjo Polari-Khan: Discussion of this item was moved to the next board meeting.

ScanFair, Dec. 3 and 4, 2016: Chris Lazarus is willing to help with FFCPC's booth. Seppo Saarinen offered to make salmon soup to sell at the booth. He requested Dirk Schulbach's advice and assistance.

Ray Wikman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sami Hyvönen seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach

Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter

Board of Directors

for Secretary Pete Lee

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