



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

Board of Directors Meeting

November 27, 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.

Board Members Absent: Pete Lee, Haleigh See

President Greg Jacob 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:

October 30, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes: The minutes were not available. Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog made a motion to table review of the minutes until the next meeting. 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 Nov. 27, 2016. FFCPC's bank account balance as of Nov. 27, 2016, is \$10,364.25.

REPORTS:

World War II Painting: Greg Jacob reported for Dave Alford. The painter will deliver the completed painting to Dave on Monday, Nov. 28, 2016. The Board will need to see the painting prior to deciding if we will want to authorize printing copies.

Finlandia Foundation National's Joint Chapter Meeting: Finlandia Foundation National (FFN) held Joint Chapter meetings in Washington, D.C. November 4-6, 2016. Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog and Dirk Schulbach attended as FFN Trustees. Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach attended as FFCPC's representative. Katariina, Dirk and Pirjo reported on their experiences. The Joint Chapter meetings were interesting and informative. One of the highlights from meeting chapter representatives from across the USA, Soiva Music Camp directors, Salolampi Music Camp director, the Suomi Seura

executive director and the Finnish Ambassador to the USA - the Honorable Kirsti Kauppi. Another highlight was visiting the Finnish Embassy. During the meetings, chapter representatives made presentations about their chapter activities, Finland-100 plans, and their recommendations for drawing more younger members and managing websites and social media. Pirjo made a presentation about FFPC's Finland-100 plans. Katariina talked with Ambassador Kauppi about the possibility of her visiting Portland. The Ambassador invited us to send her an email requesting a visit. Katariina learned the honorarium for the Jussi Makkonen/Nazig Azejian concert has been reduced from \$1,000 to \$500. Katariina met with the Suomi Seura executive director to talk about the Finnish Expatriate Parliament (FEP). Each Finlandia chapter is allowed to send one official voting representative and one unofficial non-voting representative. Katariina would like to represent FFPC as the official voting member at the Parliament in June 2017. Greg Jacob should receive an invitation from the FEP in December 2016. Dirk recommended FFPC add events for children and young people. He also reported some chapters have monthly member meetings. Pirjo met with the leads for the FFN Scholarship Committee, Soiva Music Camp, and Salolampi Language Camp; and explored with them ways to increase representation from the Pacific Northwest.

ScanFair Advertisement: Chris Lazarus reported she sent FFPC's ad for the ScanFair program to Nordic Northwest. It includes a list of events for 2017, Joulupukki photo and website address. Chris also sent her ad to Sami Hyvönen to post on the FFPC website.

Nomination Committee: Jukka Perkiömäki reported for Nomination Committee Chair Judy Perkiömäki. Greg Jacob, Katariina Lethonen-Harrskog, and Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach, whose terms expire in February 2017, have agreed to be nominated as candidates for the Board. Sami Hyvönen has declined to continue on the Board, however he is willing to continue as the FFPC webmaster. Chris Lazarus is interested in being nominated for the Board, but if others are interested in being on the Board, then she is willing to step down. If Board members have suggestions of potential candidates, please inform Judy.

Finland-100: Sami Hyvönen added a Finland-100 page to the FFPC website. He will send a link to the Board. Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach will include a link in the FFPC Finland-100 brochure she is developing. Pirjo brought up the Portland Winterhawks' offer for reduced priced hockey game tickets for FFPC and Nordic Northwest members, and an opportunity to have an event where FFPC members and Nordic Northwest's could meet the Finnish hockey player. The Board reviewed a list of the game dates and recommended March 4, 2017 for the event. Pirjo will inform the Winterhawks' representative. Pirjo reported she asked the president of the Finnish-American Historical Society of the West, Andrea Tolonen, if they would like to be part of FFPC Finland-100 activities and have a representative on the FFPC Finland-100 Committee. Andrea is interested and will discuss the idea at their next board meeting. Regarding the proposed Dec. 9, 2017 event, Greg Jacob, Katariina Lehtonen, and Pirjo met with Eila Chisholm and Elisa Boynton of Messiah Finnish Lutheran Church. The Church would like to be a co-sponsor of our Dec. 9, 2017 event. Katariina reported she has an idea for an event on Dec. 6, 2017 recognizing Finns and Finnish veterans.

FFPC Booths at ScanFair, Dec. 3 and 4, 2016: FFPC is hosting a food booth and Joulupukki photo booth at ScanFair. Dirk Schulbach will provide cash for change for both booths. Dirk Schulbach ordered one Square. It will arrive Wednesday and will be connected to our FFPC bank account. The Square will be used for the Joulupukki booth and the food booth will be on a cash basis.

Food Booth: Greg Jacob distributed a food booth report from Seppo Saarinen. Greg will pick up pulla from Päivi Kilpi-Cramer. (She made and donated the pulla for FFPC to sell at the booth.) Sami reported he bought Finnish coffee to make and sell at the FFPC booth.

Katariina and Chris made 62 rye buns to sell at the booth. Pirjo will iron the blue FFCPC tableclothes and bring them to ScanFair. Pirjo will also bring FFN flyers, FFCPC membership forms, and FFCPC Finland-100 event brochures. She will send another email to members asking for volunteers to staff the booth. The Board recommended the following prices for items to be sold at the booth: \$1 for Coffee; \$1 for one slice of rye bun; \$1 for one slice of pulla. Seppo will print the price lists.

Joulupukki Booth: Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog reported on the Joulupukki staff schedule. She will use Jukka Perkiömäki's iPad at the booth. Dirk will try to set up the FFCPC Square on Jukka's iPad. Pirjo will check the supply of photo paper she bought last year for Joulupukki and get it to Katariina. Prices for Joulupukki photos: \$20 for digital copy and print copy. \$18 for either.

Book Club: Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog reported the next Book Club meeting will be January 14, 2017.

FFCPC Annual Membership Meeting: The Board discussed potential dates and meeting venues for the Annual Meeting. Chris Lazarus made a motion that the FFCPC Annual Membership Meeting will be Saturday, February 18, 2017, at 2pm in the PSU Finnish Room. Päivi Panttila-Vargas seconded. All present approved. Meeting details will be worked on at the next Board meeting. Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach will send a save-the-date email to FFCPC members along with annual dues notice.

The next Board meeting will be Sunday, January 15, 2017, 2pm in the Finnish Room at PSU.

Ray Wikman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Lazarus seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach

Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter

Board of Directors

for Secretary Pete Lee

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