



# Finlandia Foundation® Columbia-Pacific Chapter

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

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Saturday, March 18, 2017, 2:00 p.m.**

Finnish Room, Room 124, Cramer Hall, Portland State University

1721 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon, 97201

### **MINUTES:**

Board Members Attending: Chris Lazarus, Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog, Pete Lee, Minna Lindholm, Elizabeth Newton, Päivi Panttila-Vargas, Dirk Schulbach, Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach, Ray Wikman

Board Members Absent: Greg Jacob, Jukka Perkiömäki

Members Attending: Dave Alford, Karin Lahti

In President Greg Jacob's absence, Vice-President Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog brought the meeting to order.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

1. Feb. 18, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes: Ray Wikman moved to accept the minutes as presented by Secretary Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Minna Lindholm seconded the motion. All approved.
2. Feb. 18, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes: Ray Wikman moved to accept the minutes as presented by Secretary Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Päivi Panttila-Vargas seconded the motion. All approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Dirk Schulbach reported he has filed the forms and paid fees required for the FFCPC 2017 Annual Report with the State of Oregon Corporation Division and form CT-12 with the Oregon Department of Justice Charitable Activities Section. He also completed the IRS 990-N (e-postcard) filing (no fee required for this one). FFCPC has approximately \$13,000 in the bank.

## **FINNISH EXPATRIATE PARLIAMENT, JUNE 15-17, 2017:**

Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog will represent FFPCP at the Finnish Expatriate Parliament (FEP) in Helsinki, Finland on June 15-17, 2017. FFPCP still has time prior to the FEP's deadline to send the name of an observer. Katariina submitted a motion to the FEP to consider approving virtual membership to encourage young people to join. Katariina will provide a copy of the motion to FFPCP.

## **FINLANDIA FOUNDATION NATIONAL BOARD MEETING REPORT, MARCH 9-11, 2017:**

Katariina and Dirk attended the Finlandia Foundation National (FFN) board meetings in Chicago, Illinois this month. Dirk reported FFN awarded about \$101,000 in grants to about 60 projects. Total grant requests were over \$200,000. FFN also awarded \$43,000 in scholarships. The FFN Board extended Pirjo Polari-Khan's term as FFN Performer of the Year into 2018. Katariina reported Portland Chamber Orchestra received a grant for \$3,000 for their proposed concert by Ruusamari Teppo. Katariina pointed out applicants who have received a grant within the past three years will generally not be funded, unless the purpose of the grant is sufficiently different and meritorious as to warrant special consideration. Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach reported she will be the FFPCP representative on the FFN Scholarship Committee.

## **FINLAND-100 LETTERS TO STATE OF OREGON AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS:**

This month, Dave Alford drafted letters to Oregon Governor Kate Brown, United States Senator from Oregon Ron Wyden, and the US Postal Service Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee for President Greg Jacob's signature requesting acknowledgement and recognition of Finland's 100-year anniversary of independence, Dec. 6, 2017. The request includes creating a US postage stamp in Finland's honor. Chris Lazarus updated the letters, and Greg Jacob signed and mailed the letters. These letters are in addition to the Finland-100 letters drafted by Dave Alford; signed by Greg Jacob and Pirjo Schulbach; and sent in January 2017 to Governor Brown, State Representative Deborah Boone, and State Senator Elizabeth Johnson.

## **FFN GRANT PROJECT, PAINTING OF WW2 PLANE:**

Dave Alford provided background on activity to date on the painting project. Dave read a letter from Janne Jortama, Military Assistant to the Permanent Secretary of Finnish Ministry of Defense. Dave presented to the Board a proposed budget of \$654.99 for the painting project. The FFN grant was \$1,500. Cost of making prints of the painting and how many prints to make were discussed. Päivi Panttila-Vargas recommended finding out the cost of shipping the painting to Finland, and then review how much money is left of the grant. One of the easels Dave purchased for the painting is too lightweight for the painting. FFPCP may use it for other purposes.

## **FINLAND-100:**

Finland-100 Committee chair Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach reported the committee met in February. Pirjo met with Broder's to discuss potential catering for the proposed Dec. 9 celebratory dinner at Nordia House. Broder's provided two draft estimates for the dinner. Pirjo, Dirk and Katariina also met with Greg Smith of Nordic Northwest (NNW) to talk about Finland-100 projects. One of the co-sponsored projects they discussed was the Ida Elina concert. They formed an agreement for sharing the costs and revenues. The NNW Friday Night Lecture Series provided Pirjo and Dirk with a dvd of Greg Jacob's *Kalevala* lecture, which is available for FFPCP use. Pirjo reported Leena Pölkki from Finland will be the guest chef for the Cook and Eat class on May 9. Menu will include foods from Finland's Top Ten Foods list. This event is co-sponsored by FFPCP and NNW.

### **TRAVELING SAUNA, APRIL 5-6, 2017:**

The Finland-100 Traveling Sauna will be in Portland at the Tiny Digs Hotel on April 5 and 6, 2017. Chris Lazarus wrote a press release for their event, including a festival on April 6. Pirjo posted the event on the FFCPC Facebook, and sent information via email to our FFCPC members and interested party list. Päivi will have a booth at the festival, as will Greg Jacob. Pirjo volunteered to work with Päivi to represent FFCPC at the festival. Pirjo will bring Finland-100, FFCPC and FFN information.

### **PORTLAND MIDSUMMER, JUNE 10, 2017:**

Minna Lindholm reported Nordic NW asked if FFCPC would like to place an ad in the NNW Midsummer program. Prices are \$90 for a full-page and \$60 for a half-page. Deadline to submit the ad and payment is May 19, 2017. Chris Lazarus moved that FFCPC place a full-page ad based on our ScanFair ad with updates. Pete Lee seconded the motion. All approved. Chris and Pirjo will work on the ad.

### **IDA ELINA CONCERT, APRIL 25, 2017, 7:30pm, NORDIA HOUSE:**

FFCPC and NNW are co-sponsoring the Finland-100 concert by FFN performer Ida Elina. Chris Lazarus reported Greg Smith of NNW approved with a few changes the press release she drafted for FFCPC and NNW. Chris proposed FFCPC hire a sound engineer to record Ida Elina's concert and that Ida Elina's publicist had already approved recording the concert. Dirk asked how the recording would benefit FFCPC as FFCPC gives the recordings to radio stations at no charge. Chris said each time a radio station plays the recording they mention FFCPC. Katariina reserved a room for Ida Elina for two nights at Embassy Suites near Washington Square. She estimated \$100 per night for the hotel. Chris moved that FFCPC pay for Ida Elina's accommodation for two nights, and if the All Classical Portland Radio station will play the recording, record Ida Elina's concert for a fee of up to \$300. Pete Lee seconded the motion. All approved.

### **PSU FINNISH ROOM PROJECT:**

Many thanks to the following volunteers, who earlier today, worked on cleaning the PSU Finnish Room and repairing the cupboards: Dave Alford, Karin Lahti, Pete Lee, Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog, Elizabeth Newton, Päivi Panttila-Vargas, Dirk Schulbach, and Ray Wikman. Elizabeth offered to come in again to wash the window blinds.

### **STARLIGHT PARADE, SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017:**

Dave Alford submitted the application for the Finland-100 Viking ship float to participate in the Portland Rose Festival Starlight parade. Dave moved that FFCPC buy the following for use on the float and elsewhere: Six 50-light strands of LED blue and white lights for \$118.74, nine meter string of 30 Finnish flags for \$27.00, and additional Finnish flags, including two 5'x3' flags for \$81.78; for a total of \$227.52. Päivi Panttila-Vargas seconded the motion. All approved. Dave will place the order.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Ray Wikman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pete Lee seconded the motion. All board members present approved.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be **Saturday, April 22, 2017**, at **1pm** in the PSU Finnish Room. (Note: On March 18, the Board had selected 2pm for the April 22 meeting time, but later changed it to 1pm.)

***THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY THE FFCPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 22, 2017.***

***Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach***

Secretary, Board of Directors  
Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter

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