



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

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Saturday, April 22, 2017, 2:00 p.m.**

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

1721 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon, 97201

### **MINUTES:**

Board Members Attending: Greg Jacob, Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog, Minna Lindholm, Päivi Panttila-Vargas, Jukka Perkiömäki, Dirk Schulbach, and Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach

Board Members Absent: Chris Lazarus, Pete Lee, Elizabeth Newton, and Ray Wikman

President Greg Jacob brought the meeting to order.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

March 18, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes: Minna Lindholm moved to accept the April 20, 2017 version of the March 18, 2017 minutes as emailed by Secretary Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Päivi Panttila-Vargas seconded the motion. All approved.

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

Treasurer Dirk Schulbach reported FFCPC has \$12,577.81 in the bank.

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

Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog sent to FFCPC Board members a copy of the motion she submitted to the FEP to consider providing virtual membership with the purpose of encouraging young people to join. She would like to attend the FEP Education and Training Committee, but hasn't heard back yet.

### **FINLAND-100 TRAVELING SAUNA FESTIVAL, APRIL 6, 2017:**

Päivi Panttila-Vargas, Dirk Schulbach and Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach shared a booth and represented FFCPC at the Traveling Sauna festival hosted by the Tiny Digs Hotel in Portland, Oregon. Päivi, Dirk and Pirjo handed out brochures, provided information about FFCPC, Finland-100 events, Finlandia

Foundation National, and Nordic Northwest; and gathered names to add to our FFCPC mailing list. For the event, Pirjo updated and printed (at her own cost) a new supply of the FFCPC Finland-100 brochure. Greg Jacob hosted a table and sold his book. Attendance at the festival was poor.

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

Dave Alford was unable to attend the meeting, but provided a written status report about the project. He needs an address in Finland to receive the shipment of the painting and someone to present the painting to the Finnish military. One option being explored is whether the painting can be presented during the Finnish Expatriate Parliament sessions in June. Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog offered to talk to Tina Strandberg of Suomi-Seura for advice on a location in Finland in which to present the painting.

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

Greg Jacob and Dirk Schulbach will complete and submit the Midsummer booth application prior to Nordic Northwest's May 19 deadline. The Board discussed the idea of having two booths at Midsummer, one for the Helsinki Cafe food booth and the other to be a joint booth with other Finnish/Finnish-American organizations for all things Finnish, including providing information about Finland-100. Pirjo will talk to other Finnish organizations to determine if they are interested in participating. Dirk recommended providing larger menu signage for the Helsinki Cafe this year, so that the menu can be seen from a distance. Greg proposed FFCPC offer the same menu items as last year. Options for rye bread were discussed, Jukka recommended trying the Russian bakery in Raleigh Hills. Katariina offered to try making a loaf version of rye bread. Discussion of the booths and menu to continue at the next Board meeting. FFCPC also needs to purchase a restaurant permit for the Helsinki Cafe. Greg Jacob requested volunteers to chair the FFCPC Midsummer committee. Jukka Perkiömäki will help set up the booth.

### **FINLAND-100:**

Finland-100 Committee chair Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach provided updates on a range of Finland-100 events and activities. Pirjo, Dirk and Katariina met with Casey from Broder's to discuss Broder's catering bid for the FFCPC Dec. 9, 2017 Gala Dinner. After the meeting, Pirjo received an updated bid from Broder's, lowered to \$58.24 per person for 100 attendees. Pirjo posted FFCPC Finland-100 events for April, May and June on Suomi-Seura's Finland-100 calendar. During the last month, Pirjo has been finalizing arrangements for May 9 Cook and Eat class to be taught by Finnish chef Leena Pölkki. The class is co-sponsored by Nordic NW. Pirjo also reported Portland Piano International is offering FFCPC members and friends discounted tickets for Finnish pianist Paavali Jumppanen's May 13 and 14 concerts, plus free advertising for FFCPC. This is in return for the advertising Pirjo has been doing for Mr. Jumppanen's concert. Many thanks to FFCPC member Sonja Haugen for connecting FFCPC with Portland Piano International. Pirjo will send to the Board further details about Portland Piano International's offers to FFCPC. Pirjo placed a supply of FFCPC Finland-100 brochures at Nordic NW. Nordic NW and Pirjo have heavily advertised Ida Elina's April 25 concert. Advertising was on Facebook, the FFCPC website, the NNW website, and via emails. Katariina reported Ida Elina's concert will be 75 minutes, not including intermission. On behalf of NNW, Minna Lindholm will serve complimentary beverages prior to the concert. Regarding the FFCPC Gala Dinner on Dec. 9, Katariina reported she put on the April 24, 2017 Nordic NW Board of Directors meeting agenda, discussion of the price Greg Smith of Nordic NW quoted to FFCPC for renting the great hall at Nordia House. (Katariina is a member of the Nordic NW board of directors.) Discussion ensued.

## **SCANDINAVIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

Greg Jacob asked who FFCPC should nominate for Nordic NW's Scandinavian of the Year award. He suggested Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog moved FFCPC nominate Pirjo for Scandinavian of the Year. Päivi Panttila-Vargas seconded the motion. All approved. Greg will write and submit the nomination.

## **VAPPU, APRIL 30, 2017, 3pm to 6pm:**

Vappu will be co-sponsored by FFCPC and Nordic NW, and will be held in the backyard at Nordic NW's Fogelbo. Many thanks to Judy Gervais, Bob Basel, Dave Alford and Dirk Schulbach for the work they did to clean up the backyard at Fogelbo and build a fire pit. Jukka Perkiömäki made a motion that FFCPC cover the cost of the food for Vappu. Dirk Schulbach seconded the motion. All present approved. FFCPC will provide the food at no charge to attendees (as long as the food supply lasts). FFCPC will provide grilli makarat/hot dogs, doughnuts, sima, coffee, cream, sugar, water, and various beverages. Nordic NW will sell alcoholic beverages, Minna Lindholm will be the server. Attendees will be invited to bring potluck items to share. Dirk will make the grilli makara. Dave and Dirk will make sima. Pirjo and Dirk will go shopping to buy food, drink and other items such as paper plates needed for the Vappu. Greg Jacob will bring ice cream. Minna will ask Broder's if we can borrow their coffee pot. For entertainment, Katariina has researched some Finnish songs attendees could sing. FFCPC could provide some background music.

## **BOOK CLUB:**

Katariina invited everyone to attend the Book Club meeting today at 4pm at John Schilke's, a showing of the Finnish film, "*The Midwife*." It is about a women's concentration camp.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Dirk Schulbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Jacob seconded the motion. All board members present approved.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be **Friday, May 19, 2017, from 3 to 5pm** at Nordic Northwest, 8800 SW Oleson Rd, Portland, Oregon. For future Saturday meetings, Jukka recommended changing the meeting start time from 2pm to 3pm.

***These Minutes Approved by the FFCPC Board of Directors on May 19, 2017.***

*Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach*  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter

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