



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

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Nordia House

8800 SW Oleson Rd, Portland, Oregon, 97223

MINUTES:

Board Members Attending: Greg Jacob, Chris Lazarus, Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog, Minna Lindholm, Päivi Panttila-Vargas, Dirk Schulbach, Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach, and Ray Wikman

Board Members Absent: Pete Lee, Elizabeth Newton, and Jukka Perkiömäki

President Greg Jacob brought the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

April 22, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes: Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog moved to accept the minutes as emailed by Secretary Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Päivi Panttila-Vargas seconded the motion. All present approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Dirk Schulbach reported FFCPC's bank balance is \$11,437.54. Net income was negative \$1,702.41. Splitting the income and expenses with Nordic Northwest for the Ida Elina concert is still to be done.

FINNISH EXPATRIATE PARLIAMENT, JUNE 15-17, 2017:

Katariina had nothing new to report. She leaves for Finland on June 13.

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

Vappu was co-sponsored by FFCPC and Nordic NW, and was held in the backyard at Nordic NW's Fogelbo. FFCPC covered the cost of the food (hot dogs and doughnuts), nonalcoholic beverages, and related items such as coffee cream, plates, cups and utensils. Minna Lindholm served and sold

the alcoholic beverages on behalf of Nordic Northwest. Income from these was approximately \$26. Broder's made coffee for us (using FFCPC supplied coffee) and loaned us their large coffee maker for serving. Thanks to Minna for facilitating the loan. Greg Jacob thought the location of Vappu was excellent and the weather was pleasant. He counted about 45 attendees. Dirk cooked and served 66 hotdogs, some attendees ate more than one. Pirjo and her friend Kathleen Coleman staffed the food/coffee table. Many attendees brought potluck items to share. People attended who are new to our events. Some heard about the event via the announcement on the FFCPC Facebook page. Families attended, was nice to see children playing. Perhaps FFCPC should host some children's games at Vappu next year. The sima tasting was popular. Thanks to Dave, Dirk and Katariina for making sima. Katariina also brought some songs, which a small group sang. Dirk recommended for the 2018 Vappu, we aim for the weekend closest to Vappu. Many thanks to volunteers Dave Alford, Kathleen Coleman, Judy Gervais, Jukka Perkiömäki, Christine Schulbach, Dirk Schulbach, and Pirjo Schulbach for the work they did to shop for, set up, staff, and/or clean up. All in all, Vappu was a very successful event.

FFN GRANT PROJECT, PAINTING OF WW2 PLANE:

Greg reported on this Finlandia Foundation National grant-funded project. Dave Alford has been working hard. He had the WW2 painting framed and will have prints ready for the Portland Midsummer Festival. Dave needs an address in Finland to receive the shipment of the painting and someone to present the painting to the Finnish military. How to ship the painting is still in the works. Päivi recommended sending the painting directly to the Finnish military museum. Greg will write a letter to accompany the painting. One idea is to keep the painting for the Dec. 9 Gala and send it to Finland later.

STATE OF OREGON RECOGNITION OF FINLAND-100:

Greg reported on the success of the State of Oregon's recognizing Finland-100. In the next few days, FFCPC will receive a letter from the State about the recognition. Pirjo recommended we scan the letter and post it on Facebook, along with informing FFCPC members. FFCPC should also write a press release. Perhaps the Finnish American Reporter will include an article about it in a future edition of the newspaper.

PAAVALI JUMPPANEN CONCERT, MAY 13 AND 14, 2017:

Pirjo reported on the concert. Many thanks to Portland Piano International who sponsored the concert and offered discount tickets to FFCPC members. At the end of Mr. Jumppanen's concert on May 14, he mentioned the ad FFCPC placed in the concert program and how happy he was that Finland's 100-year anniversary was recognized. Pirjo met him after the concert and recommended he consider applying for Finlandia Foundation National's Performer of the Year program. Mr. Jumppanen signed Pirjo's copy of the concert program. Katariina attended the concert on May 13, and also talked to him about applying for the FFN Performer of the Year program.

FINLAND-100 COOK AND EAT CLASS, MAY 9, 2017:

Pirjo reported on the Finland-100 May 9 Cook and Eat class co-sponsored by FFCPC and Nordic Northwest. Master Chef Leena Pölkki from Jyväskylä, Finland taught the class. The ambitious menu included Karjalanpiirakka, Lohisoppa, and Mustikkapiirakka. All of these foods are included in the Top Twelve Foods for 2017, as voted on by the Finnish people. Pirjo covered and donated the cost of Leena and her sister Anna-Maija's lodging for two nights, most meals, and \$100 honorarium for Leena, plus the food ingredients and Fazer chocolates for the class. Leena's sister Anna-Maija accompanied Leena. On May 8, Pirjo and Dirk took Leena and Anna-Maija shopping for the food

ingredients, on a tour of Nordia House, and out to dinner. On May 9, Pirjo and Dirk prepared part of the food ingredients in the morning for the class. In afternoon, Leena and Anna-Maija came to Pirjo and Dirk's home to finish preparing the remainder of the food ingredients with Pirjo and Dirk's help. The class was held the evening of May 9 at Nordia House and was sold out. At least ten FFPCPC members attended. Attendees enjoyed the class, especially the hands-on portion where they tried rolling the Karjalanpiirakka dough, and filling and forming the piirakka. Leena was an excellent teacher providing many helpful hints and modernized ways on preparing the recipes. The day the class, Katariina took Leena and Anna-Maija on a tour. The Finnish American Reporter newspaper based in Michigan contacted Pirjo and requested FFPCPC provide an article about and photos of the class. Chris Lazarus wrote the article. Pirjo provided the photos. The article will be in the next edition of the newspaper.

FINNIC FUN RUN/WALK AND PICNIC, AUGUST 26, 2017:

The Finnish American Historical Society of the West and FFPCPC are co-hosting the Finnic fun run/walk and picnic at the Lindgren Cabin at Cullaby Lake on Saturday, August 26. Greg Jacob is organizing the 1.5 mile Fun Run/Walk, which will start at the Lindgren Cabin at 11:30am. There will be a sign-up list at the event. Greg estimates 25-56 Fun Run/Walk participants. Flags will be given to the participants at the beginning of the race to carry during the race. After the race, certificates will be given to the participants. The picnic begins at noon.

JUSSI MAKKONEN/NAZIG AZEZIAN CONCERT, OCTOBER 17, 2017:

FFPCPC and Nordic Northwest are co-sponsoring the Jussi Makkonen/Nazig Azezian Finland-100 *Sibelius Inspiration* concert on Tuesday, October 17, 7:30pm, at Nordia House. The technical requirements for this concert are not the same as Ida Elina's. FFPCPC needs to discuss the concert requirements again with Greg Smith of Nordic NW.

FINLAND-100 GALA EVENT, AT NORDIA HOUSE, DECEMBER 9, 2017:

The Board discussed co-sponsorship possibilities for the dinner and program.

PORTLAND MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL, JUNE 10, 2017:

The Portland Midsummer Festival will be Saturday, June 10, at Oaks Park in SE Portland. Dirk and Pirjo are the chairs for the two FFPCPC booths at Midsummer this year, the Helsinki Cafe and the Finland-100 booth. FFPCPC purchased the required restaurant permit. Dirk recommended and the Board agreed upon the following menu for the Helsinki Cafe: Grilled hot dog plate with potato salad or chips, and drink for \$6; herring plate with rye bread, pickled beets, potato salad, and drink; ice cream; and coffee and cold beverages. Dirk recommended raising the prices from last year; and providing larger menu signage, so that customers can see the menu from a distance. FFPCPC needs two canopies. Päivi Panttila-Vargas made a motion that FFPCPC buy two canopies. Minna Lindholm seconded the motion. All present approved. Minna will research canopies and contact Dirk with the results. The volunteer schedule was discussed. Dirk will buy the supplies prior to the event; bring food, ice chests and supplies; help set up; grill hot dogs at the event; and take down. Chris will work at the cafe in the afternoon. Minna volunteered for a two-hour shift in the middle of the day. Ray Wikman will volunteer all day, along with assembling and hanging the FFPCPC banner. Elizabeth will work at the Cafe as long as needed. Greg will pick up items such as tables and banners on Friday and deliver them on Saturday, plus work at the Cafe Saturday morning. Jukka will help at the Cafe too. Supplies left over from Vappu such as plates, utensils, napkins, coffee and cream will be used at Cafe. Päivi will volunteer part of the day at the Finland-100 booth. Pirjo will volunteer all day at the Finland-100 booth. Her friend Sini will volunteer a few hours in the afternoon. At the Finland-100

booth, Pirjo will have an email sign-up list, FFCPC membership forms, FFCPC Finland-100 brochures, FFCPC business cards, Finlandia Foundation National brochures, brochures provided by the Finnish Consulate in LA, Suomikoulu info, plus shopping bags and dishcloths donated by Finn Ware of Astoria to FFCPC for FFCPC to sell or give away, plus FFCPC will sell Finnish chocolates and candies.

BOOK CLUB:

Katariina reported attendance was good for the May 19 showing of the Finnish film, *"The Midwife."* The date of the next book club meeting has not been decided, however the book will be *"When I Forgot"* by Elina Hirvonen.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be **Saturday, June 24, 2017, from 3 to 5pm** at Nordic Northwest, 8800 SW Oleson Rd, Portland, Oregon.

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

September 2, 2017: May 2017 Meeting Minutes approved by the FFCPC Board of Directors.

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