



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

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, September 2, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

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

1721 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon, 97201

MINUTES:

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

Board Members Absent: Elizabeth Newton and Jukka Perkiömäki

President Greg Jacob brought the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

May 19, 2017 and June 24, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes: Ray Wikman moved to approve the May and June meeting minutes as emailed by Secretary Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Chris Lazarus seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the May and June minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Dirk Schulbach reported FFPC's balance in the Bank of America account is \$11,562.33 as of August 31, 2017. Greg Jacob announced Ray Wikman donated \$1,000 for the Dec. 9, 2017 FFPC Gala.

FFN GRANT PROJECT, PAINTING OF WW2 PLANE:

Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog reported on the WW2 painting presentation at the Ministry of Defense in Helsinki, Finland. The painting hangs in the Mannerheim Room. Katariina made a presentation at the Ministry of Defence. Attendees included Katariina's husband Ola Harrskog, President of Finlandia Foundation National (FFN) Ossi Rahkonen, FFN Trustee Hanna Wagner, and others. Katariina requested a letter from FFPC acknowledging her expenses to attend the presentation on FFPC's

behalf as a donation, such as the approximately 500 euros she spent on transportation. She will provide details on her expenses.

Greg Jacob thanked the following for the project:

1. Dave Alford for overseeing the project, working with the artist, getting the painting and prints, preparing the shipping crate, and so much more.
2. Elizabeth Newton for getting the painting to Finland.
3. Elizabeth Newton and Pete Lee for delivering the painting to the Ministry of Defence.
4. Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog for making the presentation to the Ministry of Defence.

Greg requested ideas on how to sell the WW2 painting prints and price recommendations. 500 prints were made. They could be sold at the Oct. 17 Sibelius concert and the FFCPC booth at ScanFair. Dave had suggested sending some to each Finlandia Foundation National chapter. Greg will call Dave about this idea.

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

The Finnish American Historical Society of the West (FAHSW) and FFCPC co-hosted the Finnic fun run/walk and picnic at the Lindgren Cabin at Cullaby Lake on Saturday, August 26. Greg Jacob reported eight people and two dogs participated in the 1.5 mile Fun Run/Walk. This nice course started at the Lindgren Cabin. He presented certificates to all finishers. Päivi Panttila Vargas finished first. The Parks Department helped Greg set up the course. This run/walk could be a yearly event. Although Greg was unable to attend the picnic, he also brought food and drink on FFCPC's behalf. Dirk and Pirjo Schulbach worked with Andrea Tolonen of FAHSW on planning food and supplies for the picnic. Dirk brought the FFCPC canopies, barbeque, propane, hot dogs, drinks, and more. Andrea Tolonen barbecued salmon, and provided food and drink on behalf of FAHSW. Dirk roasted hot dogs during the picnic. Some attendees brought pot luck items to share. Pirjo reported about 30 people attended the picnic on this warm sunny afternoon. Winners of the Blueberry Pie contest were Andrea Tolonen and Elizabeth Newton.

FFCPC WEBPAGE:

Our FFCPC web master Sami Hyvönen is too busy to maintain the FFCPC website. Pete Lee volunteered to take over the work. He would also like to create a new website for FFCPC. Päivi Panttila Vargas will help too. Pete estimated creating a new website would take about 1-½ months.

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

FFCPC 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. Other sponsors are Finlandia Foundation National and the Suomi-Seura/Finland Society. Greg Jacob and Chris Lazarus asked which version of the Sibelius concert should be requested due to the cost of the technical requirements. Blackout curtains would be required. Dirk reminded the Board FFCPC and Nordic Northwest (NNW) are splitting the expenses and revenue based on meetings held with Greg Smith, director of NNW. Greg Jacob will contact Greg Smith today that FFCPC recommends a modified version of the concert. The piano in Nordia House needs to be tuned prior to the concert. Cost is approximately \$150. Greg Jacob thanked Chris Lazarus for creating the press release. Chris will contact All Classical about interviewing Jussi and Nazig. Chris made a motion to record the concert at a cost of approximately \$240. Pete Lee seconded the motion. The Board approved. Chris will ask

Jussi and Nazig if they approve recording the concert. She will also ask the recording engineer if microphones for his recording device can be placed elsewhere than right in front of the performers. Chris provided some background regarding the recordings: An original master and three copies are made. The master is given to All Classical for broadcast. One copy is for FFCPC, one copy is given to the FFN performer of the year program coordinator (was Satu Mikkola, now is Betsey Norgard), and the last copy is given to the artist.

SCANFAIR, DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 2017:

Greg Jacob asked what size ad FFCPC would like to place in the ScanFair brochure. Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach made a motion to buy a full-page ad for \$200. Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog seconded. The Board approved. Deadline to submit the ad is Nov. 6, 2017. Greg will apply to Multnomah County Health Department for approval of our ScanFair food booth.

Greg Jacob asked Eva and Seppo Saarinen if they would make salmon soup for the FFCPC booth. They haven't decided yet.

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

Päivi Panttila Vargas discussed ticket prices and costs to FFCPC for the Dec. 9 event. Greg Jacob recommended we obtain sponsors in order to keep the ticket prices between \$45 and \$50. The Board discussed various ticket price recommendations. Ray Wikman donated \$1,000 to the Gala in order to keep ticket prices affordable. Päivi made a motion for the following ticket prices: \$40 to FFCPC and NNW members, and \$50 for non-members. Ray Wikman seconded the motion. The Board approved. Pete Lee will call potential corporate sponsors. He will coordinate with Päivi and Pirjo. Pirjo stated Finlandia Foundation National (FFN) is providing \$1,000 grants to chapters for Finland-100 projects. Pirjo recommended FFCPC request the FFN Finland-100 grant for this event. Katariina recommended sending letters acknowledging and thanking sponsors.

Päivi recommends asking Maria Männistö and her boyfriend to perform at the Gala, cost is approximately \$400. Päivi doesn't know yet what Maria and her boyfriend would charge for meals, lodging, transportation, etc. Päivi will check with Maria on these other potential expenses. If we get enough sponsors, we could hire Maria and her band for approximately \$1,000. Katariina offered to donate \$1,000 as a sponsor if FFCPC hires Maria and her band.

Finnish World War II veteran Väinö Koskela, his wife Lempi, and their daughter will attend the Gala. Leena Riker offered to donate \$300 in Väinö and Lempi's honor to the Gala. Katariina recommended FFCPC sponsor their dinners.

FINLAND MEMORIAL ROCK AT NORDIA HOUSE:

Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog reported the following: Last Monday, NNW approved a place on NNW property for placement of a rock memorial honoring Finnish veterans and independence. The rock would be engraved with a Finnish lion and a plaque would be attached. The rock is coming from Finland. Finlandia Sauna is sponsoring the delivery of the rock for \$1,000. Cost of the rock, carving, and plaque is approximately \$2,500. Additional sponsorships are requested. Messiah Church is paying any costs above the sponsorships.

The FFCPC Board will discuss this topic at the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ray Wikman made a motion to adjourn. Chris Lazarus seconded. The Board approved.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be at noon, Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017. Greg Jacob will inform the Board of the location.

These minutes were approved by the FFPC Board of Directors on October 14, 2017.

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

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