



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

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, October 14, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Nordia House

8800 SW Oleson Rd, Portland, Oregon

MINUTES:

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

Board Members Absent: None

President Greg Jacob brought the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

September 2, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes: Päivi Panttila Vargas moved to approve the September 2, 2017 meeting minutes as submitted by Secretary Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Ray Wikman seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the September 2, 2017 minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Dirk Schulbach reported FFPCPC has received \$1,860 in revenue for the Dec. 9, 2017 Finland 100 Independence Gala including sponsorship donations from Ray Wikman, Leena Riker, Karin Lahti and Greg Jacob; and two tickets purchased. Dirk paid a \$4,271 deposit to Bröder Soder for the Dec. 9, 2017 Gala dinner catering. FFPCPC's balance in the Bank of America account as of October 10, 2017 is \$8,655.80.

AUNE KOSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog gave a brief history of the Aune Koski Scholarship fund originally donated by Ms. Koski's estate to FFPCPC, and given by FFPCPC to Finlandia Foundation National.

FINLANDIA FOUNDATION NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEPTEMBER 2017 MEETING:

Dirk Schulbach reported he attended Finlandia Foundation National's Board of Trustees meetings in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Concurrent with the board meetings was FinnFest USA. Special guests of honor were the President of Finland Sauli Niinistö and his wife Jenni Haukio.

WW2 PAINTING:

Greg Jacob reported Dave Alford bought 40 more tubes for the WW2 prints. He will bring them to the October 17, 2017 Sibelius Inspiration concert where the prints will be available for sale.

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

FFCPC and Nordic Northwest (NNW) 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 Suomi-Seura/Finland Society. As of today, 56 tickets have been sold. On behalf of FFCPC, Chris Lazarus and Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach advertised the concert. NNW has also advertised it and handled ticket sales. They will also take and sell tickets at the door. Elizabeth Newton offered to help sell the FFCPC WW2 prints in the lobby. Pirjo will bring FFCPC handouts and business cards to have available at the WW2 table. Satu Mikkola will handle sales of books and cd's on behalf of Jussi Makkonen and Nazig Azezian. The Board discussed whether to have a full or modified Sibelius Inspiration program. Lighting required for the full program would cost approximately \$500, plus a lighting technician would be needed. Greg Jacob recommended staying with the modified program as originally recommended. Greg will be the master of ceremonies for the concert. Pirjo will buy flowers and refreshments for Jussi and Nazig.

FINLAND 100 MEMORIAL STONE AT NORDIA HOUSE:

Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog provided an update on the Finland 100 Memorial Stone planned for placement at Nordia House. There is no lead organization for this project. Nordic NW has approved the location of the memorial. Katariina reported Messiah Lutheran Church will donate \$1,000 towards the project. She asked if FFCPC would also donate towards the project. Discussion ensued. Pirjo asked if the Board should examine the Finland-100 budget before voting. Chris Lazarus made a motion for FFCPC to pledge \$1,000 towards the memorial. Minna Lindholm seconded the motion. All Board members voted yes with the exception of Pirjo who voted no. The motion carried.

FINNISH-AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE WEST:

Greg Jacob reported the Finnish-American Historical Society of the West is considering closing their organization. Representatives from FAHSW will attend the next FFCPC Board meeting to discuss.

SCANFAIR, DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 2017:

Greg Jacob reported Eva and Seppo Saarinen will prepare salmon soup this year for the FFCPC food booth at ScanFair. Greg requested we find more volunteers to staff both the FFCPC food booth and the Joulupukki booth at ScanFair. Too much work falls onto Board members. FFCPC will have a volunteer sign-up list available at the Oct. 17 concert. Greg asked who wants to be the Food Chair for the FFCPC ScanFair booth. No volunteer as of yet. Greg recommended assigning a volunteer coordinator for each FFCPC event. Elizabeth Newton offered to bake pulla to sell at the food booth. Pete Lee offered to donate five pounds of coffee from Finland to the food booth. Bob Basel is renting a truck to haul items to and from the Memorial Coliseum. Ray Wikman will be the transportation

coordinator at ScanFair. Chris Lazarus offered to volunteer with Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog at the Joulupukki booth.

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

Päivi Panttila Vargas reported Maria Männistö and her band are confirmed for the Dec. 9 Gala. Draft schedule for the event is cocktails from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, dinner from 6:45pm to 7:30pm, and dessert from 7:45pm to 8pm. The band could play before or after dinner. Honorary Consul of Oregon Vesa Vihavainen will give a speech.

As of today, 12 Gala tickets have been sold on Nordic Northwest's ticketing system. More sponsors and publicity are needed. Jukka Perkiömäki said he would buy a sponsor table. Chris Lazarus will draft a flyer and print it in time to distribute it at the Oct. 17, 2017 Sibelius Inspiration Concert. Jukka requested a list of projected expenses and income for the Gala. Performers may need lodging, meals and refreshments. If FFCPC hosts a childrens' room, FFCPC must provide the food.

Päivi Panttila Vargas moved to reimburse Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach for the cost of printing the FFCPC Finland-100 brochures. Pete Lee seconded the motion. The Board approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ray Wikman made a motion to adjourn. Pete Lee seconded. The Board approved.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be at noon, Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, 2pm at Nordia House.

These minutes were approved by the FFCPC Board of Directors on November 5, 2017.

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

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