



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

Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, November 5, 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

Guests: Dave Alford and Merle Reinikka representing the Finnish-American Historical Society of the West

President Greg Jacob brought the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

October 14, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes: Ray Wikman moved to approve the October 14, 2017 meeting minutes as submitted by Secretary Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Pete Lee seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the October 14, 2017 minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Dirk Schulbach reported FFCPC has received \$5,310.00 in revenue for the Dec. 9, 2017 Finland 100 Independence Gala. FFCPC may request a \$1,000 grant from Finlandia Foundation National for the Dec. 9, 2017 Gala. FFCPC's balance in the Bank of America account is \$13,117.40.

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

Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach gave a report on the Oct. 17, 2017 Jussi Makkonen/Nazig Azezian Finland-100 *Sibelius Inspiration* concert held at Nordia House. It was one of FFCPC's Finland-100 events for 2017. The concert was co-sponsored by FFCPC and Nordic Northwest (NNW), Finlandia Foundation National and Suomi-Seura/Finland Society. Total attendees were 101. The Sibelius Inspiration Concert was a success. Attendees greatly enjoyed the concert. FFCPC came close to broking even on the event with a net income of (\$7.13). Total FFCPC expenses were \$1,864.41. Total FFCPC gross income was \$1,857.28. Pirjo will provide an event report to Suomi-Seura (this was a condition of their grant). According to Greg Jacob, NNW Director Greg Smith said FFCPC does a good job on its events.

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. The stone will be six feet tall. NNW Board member Bob Evenson is determining how to install the stone. Anderson Construction may be involved in the installation.

FINNISH-AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE WEST:

Merle Reinikka and Dave Alford of the Finnish-American Historical Society of the West (FAHSW) attended to discuss a proposal with FFCPC. FAHSW is considering closing their organization and is interested in becoming part of FFCPC. Merle provided background information about FAHSW. FAHSW was founded on Dec. 6, 1962. At one time, FAHSW had over 400 members. Attrition occurred due to aging of the members in the local area. Most current members live outside the area. FAHSW publishes historical monographs about Finns and Finnish-Americans in the Pacific Northwest. Over 30 monographs have been produced. Appelo Archives in Naselle, Washington sells the monographs, for which FAHSW receives 60% of sales.

If FAHSW were to become part of FFCPC, they would like to become a committee under FFCPC and continue their activities. The Erik Lindgren Cabin at Cullaby Lake County Park in Warrenton, Oregon is part of their responsibilities. In a 1964 Quit Claim deed, the State of Oregon bought the cabin from the owners and turned it over to the Forestry Division. Then they moved parts to Cullaby Lake and turned over management to FAHSW. On average, FAHSW spends \$1,000 per year on maintenance and expenses for the Lindgren Cabin. FAHSW's Finnam Quarterly could become FFCPC's publication. Currently FAHSW has 97 subscribers who each pay \$10 per year. FAHSW would like to see their members absorbed into FFCPC.

For dissolution of their organization, FAHSW must follow a legal process. FAHSW has a treasury of over \$30,000.00. They cannot retain the money if the organization is dissolved. To dissolve, FAHSW needs to make a proposal and have a vote of their members. Their next meeting is Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017. The FFCPC Board indicated they are interested in this venture and awaits receipt of FAHSW's proposal.

SCANFAIR, DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 2017:

Bob Basel is renting a truck to haul items to and from the Memorial Coliseum. Greg Jacob, Dirk Schulbach, and Dave Alford will load FFCPC items into the truck for delivery to the Coliseum. On Saturday, Dec. 2, from 8am to 10am, Eva and Seppo Saarinen will prepare salmon soup for the FFCPC food booth at ScanFair. Jukka Perkiömäki offered to help them. A rapid heating device is needed for the soup. Elizabeth Newton will make and bring approximately 20 loaves of pulla and ten loaves of orange rye bread to sell at the food booth. FFCPC has two new air pots donated by Dale and Kathleen Coleman to use for the coffee. Pirjo and Dirk Schulbach will deliver them to ScanFair. Pete Lee offered to donate five pounds of coffee from Finland to the food booth. Minna Lindholm or Elizabeth Newton will buy glögg for FFCPC to make and sell hot at the food booth. Elizabeth will also bring a sample dish. Dave Alford has two 20 foot long banners for Finland-100. The FFCPC version could be placed above the FFCPC food booth.

Greg requested we find more volunteers to staff the FFCPC food booth and the Joulupukki booth both days at ScanFair, plus sing in the Finland-100 presentation at 10:00am Saturday. Practice for the presentation will be at 9am Saturday. We also need a volunteer coordinator for the food booth. At least some of the food booth volunteers need to have food handlers' cards. Elizabeth Newton has one. Pirjo will send an email to the FFCPC email list and place a posting on the FFCPC Facebook page requesting volunteers. Chris Lazarus offered to volunteer with Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog at the Joulupukki booth. Elizabeth will provide a mobile hot spot to the Joulupukki booth for processing credit card payments via Square. Katariina recommended charging \$20 per photo.

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

Päivi Panttila Vargas reported on the Gala. She distributed copies of the latest version of the program. She asked if we should assign guests to tables, or allow guests to sit where they choose except at the tables reserved for table sponsors. The Board's recommendation was to assign and reserve tables for table sponsors, and allow other guests to choose tables and seat themselves. Päivi said we will not buy glasses for guests to take home.

Regarding Maria Männistö and her band, Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog reported three of the five performers need overnight accommodation. Maria and her friend do not need accommodation. They will return home the same evening. Katariina also reported the Marya Kazmierski quartet are prepared to perform in the Exhibit Hall. It is still not certain

whether they are volunteering or charging. This weekend Katariina met two accordion players who live near the Canadian border. They would charge us \$300 to perform. It is unknown whether they would charge for accommodation and meals. The Board decided not to hire them.

Dave Alford has strings of Finnish flags to use in decorating the Gala. He also has flag poles and stands. A friend of Chris Lazarus is sending her a Finnish flag dating from 1917-1918. This could also be used at the Gala. Minna Lindholm reminded us nothing may be suspended from the ceiling or lights in Nordia House's Great Hall.

Katariina reported she spoke to Consul General of Finland Stefan Lindström this weekend. He offered to send his second in command to the Gala, Pia Helin. As Honorary Consul for Oregon Vesa Vihavainen had previously agreed to speak at the Gala, the Board recommended, out of respect for Vesa, that he be the only speaker from the Finnish Consulate. Of course, Pia is welcome to attend.

Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach reported on Gala sponsorship and ticket sales. FFPCPC has received \$5,310.00 in sponsorship and ticket revenue, and sold 27 Gala tickets. As of Nov. 3, 2017, Nordic Northwest has sold 58 tickets for \$2,500.00. A total of 85 tickets have been sold to date. Total ticket and sponsorship revenue is \$7,810.00. Pete Lee reported he visited Gerber and Finlandia Sauna to ask if they would be interested in being Gala sponsors. He will follow up with them.

FFCPC 2018 ANNUAL MEETING: Ray Wikman recommended the Board set the date of the 2018 annual meeting and publish the notice 30 days in advance of the meeting. At our next board meeting, we will determine the date of the annual meeting.

PSU FINNISH ROOM: Greg Jacob recommended repairing the remainder of the cupboard doors at the PSU Finnish Room. Someone is storing items in the cupboards and breaking the doors. One question brought up is who is storing items there.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING:

The next board meeting will be at 2pm, Sunday, January 14, 2018, 2pm at Nordia House.

These minutes were approved by the FFPCPC Board of Directors on January 14, 2018.

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

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