



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

Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, January 14, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

Nordia House

8800 SW Oleson Rd, Portland, Oregon

MINUTES:

Board Members Attending: Greg Jacob, Chris Lazarus, Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog, Minna Lindholm, Elizabeth Newton, Jukka Perkiömäki, Dirk Schulbach, Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach, and Ray Wikman.

Board Members Absent: Pete Lee and Päivi Panttila Vargas.

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

President Greg Jacob brought the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

November 5, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: Katariina Lehtonen moved to approve the November 5, 2017 board meeting minutes as submitted by Secretary Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Elizabeth Newton seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the November 5, 2017 minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Dirk Schulbach sent via email to the Board of Directors the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for calendar year 2017, and a report about the Finland monument funds. FFCPC's ending balance in the Bank of America account as of Dec. 31, 2017, is \$44,062.64. Hilja Davis and Sonja Haugen were elected at the 2017 FFCPC Annual Meeting to audit FFCPC's books. They have agreed to do the audit in time for the 2018 Annual Meeting.

PSU FINNISH ROOM:

Greg Jacob reported PSU is remodeling Neuberger Hall. The work will take two to three years to complete. Due to the remodel, some Foreign Language Department furniture was moved from Neuberger Hall into the PSU Finnish Room, #124, in Cramer Hall. PSU also changed the lock on the Finnish Room door from a key to a badge access system. Greg will find out if PSU will allow FFCPC to continue to use the Finnish Room.

SUOMI-FINLAND 100 INDEPENDENCE GALA:

Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach presented a report on the FFCPC Suomi-Finland 100 Independence Gala held on Dec. 9, 2017 at Nordia House. She relayed the many compliments she has heard about the evening. Many thanks to the volunteers who made this event a success, including Gala Chair Päivi Panttila Vargas. Gala tickets sold out prior to the event. Due

to demand for tickets, a wait list was established. Total number of attendees was 164 (slightly over the maximum allowed). Broder Söder catered the Gala appetizers and meal. The Finnish-style Christmas dinner they prepared was excellent. Music for the evening was provided by Con Fuoco Quartet and the Maria Männistö Band. Total expenses for the Gala were \$12,297.88. Thanks to donations from generous sponsors, a grant from Finlandia Foundation National, and ticket sales, total income for the Gala was \$12,755.00. FFCPC made a profit of \$457.12 on the Gala.

INDEPENDENT FINLAND MONUMENT AT NORDIA HOUSE:

Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog provided a report on the Independent Finland Monument unveiling ceremony held on January 6, 2018, at Nordia House. About 50 guests attended at the unveiling. Speeches were given by Vesa Vihavainen, Greg Jacob and Katariina; prayer by Pastor Seppo Airas, and live music provided by Con Fuoco. Eila Chisholm provided food for the reception held after the unveiling. Katariina plans to document how the monument came to be.

BORIS SIRPO PIANO GRANT:

Dirk Schulbach reported for many years FFCPC has suggested Nordic Northwest (NNW) request a grant from Finlandia Foundation National (FFN) for restoration of the Boris Sirpo piano. About \$8,000 in restoration is needed. This month Nordic Northwest applied to FFN for a grant. Dirk, as a FFN Trustee, wrote a letter to FFN in support of NNW's grant request, as did Greg Jacob on behalf of FFCPC. Chris Lazarus made a motion for FFCPC to donate \$1,000 to Nordic Northwest towards restoration of the piano. Minna Lindholm seconded the motion. The Board approved. FFCPC will approach Finnish Messiah Church about matching FFCPC's donation. According to Dave Alford, the donor of the piano to NNW also offered Boris Sirpo's conductor batons to NNW. Nordic Northwest declined the baton offer, so Portland Chamber Orchestra has them. FFCPC recommends finding out if it is possible to obtain the batons from Portland Chamber Orchestra.

FINNISH-AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE WEST (FAHSW):

FAHSW was founded on Dec. 6, 1962. FAHSW dissolved late in 2017 and became part of FFCPC. The following FAHSW areas of responsibility were discussed:

Historian: Greg Jacob asked Merle Reinikka if he would be the FFCPC Historian. Merle agreed.

FAHSW Activities: Greg proposed Andrea Tolonen, Dave Alford, and Merle Reinikka serve on the FFCPC/FAHSW Activities Committee. This would include activities such as the annual Sauna Bucket Award and the annual Finnic Picnic. Greg asked that at least one of the committee attend FFCPC Board meetings and/or be a nominee for the FFCPC Board of Directors.

FAHSW Finnam Quarterly Newsletter: Andrea Tolonen prepares the Finnam Quarterly Newsletter. Merle writes historical articles for the newsletter. The newsletter is paper and mailed via US mail. Mailing to FAHSW members costs about \$200. Chris Lazarus said she is willing to help with the newsletter. Proposed Newsletter Committee members are: Andrea Tolonen, Merle Reinikka, Chris Lazarus and Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach.

FAHSW Member Renewals: 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. Andrea Tolonen proposed FAHSW members be able to renew for 2018 at \$10 each as FFCPC members. Their membership includes receiving the Finnam newsletter. Jukka Perkiömäki made a motion that FFCPC accept responsibility for the cost of the Finnam newsletter publication and offer \$10 FFCPC memberships to FAHSW members for 2018. Chris Lazarus seconded the motion. The Board approved.

FAHSW Lindgren Cabin: The Erik Lindgren Cabin at Cullaby Lake County Park in Warrenton, Oregon is part of FAHSW's 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 of the Cabin to Cullaby Lake and turned over management to FAHSW. On average, FAHSW spends \$1,000 per year on maintenance and expenses for the Cabin complex. A Lindgren Cabin Committee will be formed. The Lindgren Cabin will be an agenda item for the February 2018 FFCPC Board meeting.

FAHSW Monographs: FAHSW has prepared over 30 historical monographs about Finns and Finnish-Americans in the Pacific Northwest. Appelo Archives in Naselle, Washington sells the monographs, for which FAHSW receives 60% of sales. The monographs will be on the February 2018 FFCPC Board meeting agenda. Dave Alford will work with Merle Reinikka on investigating electronic formats for the monographs, including Kindle.

2018 PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:

Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach provided information about costs of and benefits of various levels of sponsorship for the Finnish film at the 2018 Portland International Film Festival. The film is, "*The Eternal Road / Ikitie.*" The film shows on Wednesday, February 21, and Monday, February 26. For the \$500 level, FFCPC would receive advertising and 20 movie vouchers which we could sell. Jukka Perkiömäki made a motion for FFCPC to sponsor the Finnish film at the \$500 level. Katariina Lehtonen seconded the motion. The Board approved.

ESTONIA'S 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE:

Estonia celebrates its 100-year anniversary of independence on February 24, 2018. The Portland Estonian Society is hosting a celebration on Feb. 24, 2018 at Milwaukie Lutheran Church. Minna Lindholm made a motion for FFCPC to donate \$100 to the Portland Estonian Society for their February 24 celebration. Chris Lazarus seconded the motion. The Board approved. Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach will send information to the FFCPC membership about the Portland Estonian Society's February 24 celebration.

JANNE OKSANEN CONCERT:

Greg Jacob proposed FFCPC host a concert by pianist Janne Oksanen. Janne is not requesting reimbursement for airfare or accommodations. He would work on a donation basis. The Board discussed the potential costs of hosting the concert, such as venue rental and piano tuning. Janne is also playing a concert for Portland Piano Company on February 24, 2018. The Board decided instead of hosting a concert to support the February 24 concert by advertising the event.

FFCPC 2018 ANNUAL MEETING:

The 2018 annual meeting will be Saturday, March 10, 2018, 3pm in the PSU Finnish Room. Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach will send a notice to the FFCPC membership. A Nominations Committee is needed to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors terms expiring in 2018. Greg Jacob will ask Hilja Davis and Judy Perkiömäki if they will lead the committee. Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach will email a list of the expiring board terms to the Board, and Judy and Hilja.

BOOK CLUB:

The next book club meeting will be February 20, 2018, at 4pm, at Maarit Reed's home.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ray Wikman made a motion to adjourn. Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach seconded. The Board approved.

NEXT MEETING:

The next board meeting will be at 2pm, Sunday, February 18, 2018, 2pm in the Finnish Room at Portland State University.

These minutes were approved by the FFCPC Board of Directors on February 18, 2018.

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

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