



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

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Sunday, February 18, 2018, 2:00 p.m.**

Finnish Room, Room 124, Cramer Hall Portland State University

1721 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon

### **MINUTES:**

Board Members Attending: Greg Jacob, Elizabeth Newton, Päivi Panttila Vargas, Jukka Perkiömäki, Dirk Schulbach, Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach, and Ray Wikman.

Board Members Absent: Chris Lazarus, Pete Lee, Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog, and Minna Lindholm.

Guests: Larry Vargas

President Greg Jacob brought the meeting to order.

On behalf of the FFCPC Board of Directors, Greg Jacob presented Pirjo Schulbach with a bouquet of flowers and a card in thanks for her work and dedication as the FFCPC Finland-100 Committee Chair. The 2017 year of events was excellent.

#### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

January 14, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: Ray Wikman moved to approve the January 14, 2018 board meeting minutes as submitted by Secretary Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Dirk Schulbach seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the January 14, 2018 minutes.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Dirk Schulbach sent via email to the Board of Directors the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for January 1 through February 13, 2018. FFCPC's ending balance in the Bank of America account as of Feb. 13, 2018, is \$45,543.34. The balance is large due to receiving funds from the Finnish American Historical Society of the West (FAHSW), and membership renewals from their members. Ray Wikman asked if FFCPC members need to pay the \$10 membership fee to receive the FAHSW newsletters. One solution is to email an electronic version of the FAHSW newsletter to FFCPC members. We need to request electronic copies from Andrea Tolonen. The paper version of the last FAHSW newsletter cost \$86 to print and \$59.19 to mail. Dirk also announced he paid more bills for the Independent Finland monument at Nordia House.

### **SUOMI-FINLAND 100 INDEPENDENCE GALA:**

Päivi Panttila Vargas was the chair of the Dec. 9, 2017 Gala held at Nordia House. Päivi did an excellent job and the Gala was a great success. The Board thanked Päivi for her work. FFCPC made a profit of \$457.12 on the Gala.

### **FAHSW ERIK LINDGREN CABIN, CULLABY LAKE, WARRENTON, OREGON:**

Elizabeth Newton reported the FFCPC Erik Lindgren Cabin Committee met and recommends for the short term FFCPC keep the cabin and hold it open on weekends this summer from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Elizabeth will obtain and manage volunteers to staff the Cabin during these weekends. Prior to Memorial Day weekend, volunteers will do some cleaning and maintenance to prepare the Cabin for the first open weekend. The Committee also recommends holding some special events at the Cabin this summer such as craft or boat shows, and the annual Finnic Picnic. Jukka Perkiömäki reports insurance for the Cabin is approximately \$300 per year. The Committee will draft a budget for the Cabin. Ownership of the Cabin is being researched and clarified. Jukka recommended FFCPC make short term decisions regarding the Cabin and plan for the long term. Päivi Panttila Vargas recommended posting a sign at the Cabin, and include our website address on the sign. The Board asked if the Cullaby Lake Park camp host is at the park throughout the year. At the March 10, 2018 FFCPC Annual Meeting, Elizabeth will present a Lindgren Cabin Committee report.

### **PSU FINNISH ROOM:**

Greg Jacob recommends having a work party to repair the cupboard doors in the PSU Finnish Room. He will talk to the Physical Plant about doing a better job cleaning the floor. The window blinds also need to be cleaned.

### **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:**

Hilja Davis and Judy Gervais Perkiömäki are chairing the FFCPC Nominations Committee for the 2018 Board of Director vacancies. Andrea Tolonen has agreed to be a candidate for the Board. Directors whose terms of office expire at the March 10, 2018 Annual Meeting are: Pete Lee, Päivi Panttila Vargas, Jukka Perkiömäki, Dirk Schulbach and Ray Wikman.

### **SCANFAIR FINNISH INDEPENDENCE DAY PRESENTATION:**

Seppo Saarinen has organized Finnish Independence Day presentations for ScanFair for many years. Greg Jacob reported Seppo has decided, effective this year, he will no longer organize the presentation.

### **FFCPC 2018 ANNUAL MEETING:**

The 2018 annual meeting will be Saturday, March 10, 2018 in the PSU Finnish Room. Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach sent notices to the FFCPC membership and posted the event on Facebook. Elizabeth Newton volunteered to bake something for the meeting refreshments and will bring in the FFCPC coffee pot. Meeting agenda items include FAHSW incorporation into FFCPC, review of 2017 annual meeting minutes, 2017 treasurer's report, and 2018 Nominations Committee report. Ray Wikman made a motion to change the start time of the Annual meeting from 3pm to 2pm. Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach seconded the motion. All approved. Pirjo will notify the membership of the start time change. Greg Jacob will set up a 1pm start time for our Finnish Room reservation with PSU. This will allow us time to set up for the meeting.

### **FINLANDIA FOUNDATION NATIONAL PERFORMER OF THE YEAR AND LECTURER OF THE YEAR:**

Greg Jacob reported Pirjo Polari Khan is the current Finlandia Foundation National (FFN) Performer of the Year. The Board did not express interest in inviting her to Portland. Greg will send information to the Board about the FFN Lecturers of the Year.

### **VOLUNTEERS FOR FFCPC EVENTS:**

Greg Jacob is seeking volunteers to head each of the FFCPC events, including Vappu, Midsummer, Finnic and ScanFair. Last year FFCPC held Vappu at Nordic Northwest's Fogelbo and had a great turnout. Dirk Schulbach asked if we should make the event more children centric to help increase our membership. He recommends holding the event on a weekend. Dirk asked Sara Winters if we could borrow the children's games she's developed for Nordic Northwest's Fastelavn and she agreed. Food to serve at Vappu was discussed. Elizabeth Newton has found Finnish makkara/sausage available from Minnesota for about \$5 per ring which yields about three servings. We need to find out if Fogelbo

is available on April 28 or 29, 2018. Jukka Perkiömäki made a motion to ask Dave Alford if he would like to be in charge of Vappu. Elizabeth Newton seconded the motion. All approved. The Board went on to discuss FFPCPC having the Helsinki Cafe food booth at the Portland Midsummer Festival. The booth involves many hours of work by many volunteers. Jukka volunteered to help purchase items for the booth and help set up. Elizabeth and Päivi volunteered to help serve food. The Midsummer menu was discussed, including the following: hot dogs, potato salad, herring, rye bread, ice cream and drinks. Greg reported the Astoria Finnish Brotherhood is holding their annual picnic on second Saturday of August (August 11, 2018) at Cullaby Lake. He asked if FFPCPC should coordinate with the Brotherhood and hold our Finnic picnic the same day. Currently the date for Finnic is determined by Andrea Tolonen's work schedule, as she is in charge of Finnic.

#### **DONATION:**

Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach reported she received a donation of a collection of newspaper clippings and other documents from Wynne Wakkila. These documents in English and Finnish were collected by her uncle Matti during the 1930's and 1940's. Many of the documents are about the Winter War and World War II in Finland. Pirjo will review the collection with Merle Reinikka and Andrea Tolonen.

#### **NASELLE FINNISH FESTIVAL, JULY 27-29, 2018, IN NASELLE, WASHINGTON:**

Dirk Schulbach reported the Astoria Finnish Brotherhood is donating \$250 to the Naselle Finnish Festival and asked if FFPCPC should also donate to the Festival. Dirk made a motion to donate \$500 to the Naselle Finnish Festival. Elizabeth Newton seconded the motion. All approved.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

This Saturday, February 24, at 1pm is the Portland Estonian Society's event celebrating Estonia's 100-year anniversary of independence, and at 3pm the same day is Janne Oksanen's concert at Portland Piano Company.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Ray Wikman made a motion to adjourn. Jukka Perkiömäki seconded. The Board approved.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next board meeting will be at 2pm, Saturday, March 10, 2018, in the Finnish Room at Portland State University.

***These minutes were approved by the FFPCPC Board of Directors on April 15, 2018.***

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

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