



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

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Sunday, April 15, 2018, 10:30 a.m.**

Finnish Room, Room 124, Cramer Hall Portland State University

1721 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon

### **MINUTES:**

Board Members Attending: Greg Jacob, Pete Lee, Minna Lindholm, Elizabeth Newton, Päivi Panttila Vargas, Dirk Schulbach, Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach, Larry Vargas and Ray Wikman.

Board Members Absent: Chris Lazarus, Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog, Jukka Perkiömäki, and Andrea Tolonen.

Guests: Dave Alford

President Greg Jacob brought the meeting to order.

#### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

February 18, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: Pete Lee moved to approve the February 18, 2018 board meeting minutes as submitted by Secretary Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Päivi Panttila Vargas seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the February 18, 2018 minutes.

March 10, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: Pete Lee moved to approve the March 10, 2018 board meeting minutes as submitted by Secretary Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. Larry Vargas seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the March 10, 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 April 14, 2018. FFCPC's ending balance in the Bank of America checking account as of April 14, 2018, is \$46,010.46. The Board discussed whether part of this money should be in an interest bearing account. Dirk reported FFCPC has new life members, Erika Popkin and her children, of Naselle, Washington.

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

Maintenance of the Lindgren Cabin: Clatsop County will maintain the grounds around the Lindgren Cabin. FFCPC will maintain the Cabin. The Finnish-American Historical Society of the West (FAHSW) spent approximately \$1,000 per year on the Cabin. The first FFCPC work party at the Cabin is May 5, 2018. Everyone is invited to help. Dirk recommended treating the cabin roof on a regular basis. FAHSW has been maintaining the roof, including weeding it. Dirk has spoken with an insurance company agent about obtaining insurance for the cabin. He asked the agent to also include liability insurance for the FFCPC Board of Directors, and FFCPC events. The agent has not provided a quote yet.

Ownership of the Lindgren Cabin: Pete Lee moved FFCPC authorize Greg Jacob to sign the Quit Claim Deed at the State of Oregon Board of Forestry to make the Lindgren Cabin FFCPC property. Elizabeth Newton seconded the motion. All approved.

Hosting at the Lindgren Cabin: Elizabeth Newton is seeking volunteers to host at the Lindgren Cabin. Hosting is weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Elizabeth sent invitations to all board members to sign up for hosting at the Cabin. She will ask Andrea Tolonen for the contact information of hosts from past years. Elizabeth will also contact Leena Riker for Astoria Finnish Brotherhood email addresses in order to advertise the hosting opportunity. Elizabeth developed and had printed a postcard to advertise the Cabin, distributed some postcards to the Board, and will give a supply to Saara Matthews who will make them available for customers at Finn Ware in Astoria. Andrea Tolonen and Elizabeth developed a handbook for hosts. Elizabeth recommends hosts may wish to bring a chair, a pop-up awning, and water. The Board thanked the Lindgren Cabin Committee.

Potential Reservation Request for the Cabin: Dave Alford reported the League of Swedish Societies of Portland may want to use the Lindgren Cabin for a picnic the day of the Astoria Regatta Parade, Saturday, August 11, 2018. Dave will ask them to contact Elizabeth Newton to arrange the reservation.

#### **BORIS SIRPO PIANO RESTORATION:**

Dirk Schulbach reported Finlandia Foundation National awarded the maximum possible grant of \$5,000 to Nordic Northwest to complete restoration of the Boris Sirpo piano. In January 2018, the FFCPC Board voted to donate \$1,000 to Nordic Northwest for the piano restoration project. Dirk wrote the check and during the board meeting today gave it to Minna Lindholm to deliver to Nordic Northwest. The restoration project will cost approximately \$8,000 to \$9,000. Dirk said it would be great to raise the remainder needed for the project. Minna will ask NNW Director Sandra Nelson Miller if she would ask other organizations who use the piano to donate, and also ask Eila Chisholm if the Finnish Messiah Lutheran Church to match FFCPC's \$1,000 donation.

#### **PSU FINNISH ROOM:**

Greg Jacob formed a committee to work on the PSU Finnish Room. Committee members are: Dave Alford, Greg Jacob, Pete Lee, Päivi Panttila-Vargas, Larry Vargas, and Ray Wikman. Minna Lindholm is available on Wednesdays. FFCPC needs to finish fixing the cupboard doors and start cleaning the blinds.

#### **VAPPU, APRIL 28, 2018, AT FOGELBO:**

FFCPC's Vappu event will be on Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 3pm to 5pm, in the backyard of Nordic Northwest's Fogelbo. Vappu is free and open to everyone. Per Minna Lindholm, Nordic Northwest is not charging FFCPC to use the Fogelbo yard. Minna recommended carpooling to Vappu, as parking is limited. Dirk Schulbach drafted the Vappu menu. FFCPC will provide small hotdogs, coffee, doughnuts, and beverages free of charge to attendees. Dirk requested volunteers make sima. Attendees are asked to bring potluck items to share. Pirjo Schulbach will advertise the event on FFCPC's Facebook page, Pacific NW Nordic Events Facebook page, and via email. Dirk said he asked Sara Winter if FFCPC may borrow children's games for Vappu, and her answer was yes. He requested a volunteer to run the games, and volunteers to help with other aspects of Vappu. Committee chairs Dirk and Pirjo, and other volunteers will be at Fogelbo at noon on April 28 to start setting up.

#### **PORTLAND MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL, JUNE 9, 2018, OAKS PARK:**

The Board discussed whether to have a food booth or information booth at the Portland Midsummer Festival. This is the 90th Portland Midsummer Festival. Pete Lee moved FFCPC have a food booth at the Portland Midsummer Festival. Ray Wikman seconded the motion. All approved. The following menu was proposed: Grilli makkara/grilled sausages, herring, potato salad, coffee, pop, and ice cream. On Friday, June 8, Bob Basel will be at Fogelbo to pick up items to deliver to Oaks Park. Volunteers are needed at Fogelbo and at Oaks Park to help Bob. The following volunteered to work at the booth on Saturday: Kathleen Coleman, Greg Jacob, Elizabeth Newton, Jukka Perkiömäki, Dirk Schulbach, Pirjo Schulbach, and Ray Wikman. Dirk volunteered to get the items requiring refrigeration such as hotdogs and potato salad. Elizabeth volunteered to get water and soda.

Pirjo will request volunteers and advertise the event on the FFCPC Facebook page, Pacific NW Nordic Events Facebook page, and via email. Pete Lee moved FFCPC buy a full-page ad for \$90 in Nordic Northwest's Midsummer booklet. Minna Lindholm seconded the motion. All approved.

#### **AALLOTAR:**

Greg Jacob reported if Teija Niku and Sara Pajunen of Aallotar perform, the concert would be on Sunday, July 29, at 7pm at Nordic Northwest. If FFCPC asks them to perform, Laila of Nordic Northwest would handle advertising and ticketing. Nordic Northwest would split the gate with FFCPC after expenses are deleted. Aallotar is requesting a fee of \$800 to \$1,000; and housing. Minna Lindholm

volunteered to check how many tickets were sold to the Sara Pajunen concert co-hosted by FFCPC and Nordic NW in 2016. The Board postponed voting on the concert until after this information is received.

**FRIGG CONCERT REQUEST:**

Greg Jacob reported the cost to FFCPC to host the band Frigg would be approximately \$10,000. Pirjo Schulbach made a motion that FFCPC not invite Frigg to perform. Minna Lindholm seconded the motion. All approved.

**SALOLAMPI SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT REQUEST:**

Greg Jacob received a request from three Salolampi students who live in Alaska asking FFCPC to support their Salolampi scholarship application requests. Dirk Schulbach commented this does not require FFCPC to pay anything, just complete the form indicating our support. Pete Lee moved FFCPC support the students' scholarship applications. Larry Vargas seconded the motion. All approved. Greg will complete and mail the forms.

**SOIVA MUSIC CAMP:**

Dirk Schulbach discussed the Soiva Music Camp, a Finlandia Foundation National (FFN) program. A June 2016 Soiva student from Lake Oswego, Oregon, Nina Heidgerken, passed away on March 31, 2018. Dennis Anderson, the FFN trustee in charge of Soiva, asked Dirk and Pirjo to attend Nina's memorial service on behalf of FFN. Dirk and Pirjo signed a card on behalf of FFN and FFCPC, and delivered it to the service. Nina was a well-loved and accomplished young woman, the venue was standing room only. Dennis plans to establish a Soiva Music Camp Scholarship fund in memory of Nina. The scholarship will be \$500 for a chamber music student in our area. If you wish to donate, make out your check to Finlandia Foundation National and send it to Dennis Anderson. Dirk will provide you with the address.

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR ROSS FOGELQUIST:**

Dave Alford proposed FFCPC give Ross Fogelquist an honorary life membership in honor of his 80th birthday. Minna Lindholm made a motion to honor Ross Fogelquist with a lifetime FFCPC membership. Pete Lee seconded the motion. All approved. Dave will make a certificate for Ross.

**SCANDINAVIAN OF THE YEAR:**

Pete Lee made a motion FFCPC nominate Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog for Nordic Northwest's Scandinavian of the Year award. Minna Lindholm seconded the motion. All approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dave Alford reported there is a possibility the owner of the property behind Fogelbo will donate her property to Nordic Northwest. Also, the Friends of Fogelbo are trying to establish an event such as a pancake breakfast this summer at Fogelbo as a fundraiser for Fogelbo.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ray Wikman made a motion to adjourn. Elizabeth Newton seconded. The Board approved.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next board meeting will be at 10:30am, Sunday, May 20, 2018, in the Finnish Room at Portland State University.

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

***These minutes were approved by the FFCPC Board of Directors on May 20, 2018.***

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