

Minutes for FFCPC annual meeting February 16<sup>th</sup> 2014, 12.00 - 14.00

Minutes of the annual meeting 2013 were approved with the amendment of adding all board members names to the minutes, Chris moved and Jukka seconded the approval of the minutes.

1) Introduce board and our financial picture/ highlights and accomplishments:

Greg gave a short history of Finlandia Foundation National. Today 45 chapters. Greg introduced the board members and thanked Seppo Saarinen for his work and Elisa, Katariina and Chris helping to organize the catering.

Dennis Usitalo audited 2013 books and mentioned that everything is well organized and documented. He did not find anything questionable to report. All bank statements and minutes were clear and well organized. The board had approved budget for various projects and Dennis was able to reconcile all receipts back to the budget/projects. Ray moved to accept auditors report and Dave seconded. Motion carries.

Dirk handed out itemized profit and loss statements. Sonore proceeds \$630. ScanFair food booth, net proceeds \$53. Joulupukki booth very profitable; profits exceeding \$800. A lot of donations were made in terms of the printer, lights etc which kept the proceeds up. Midsummer proceeds \$300. LOY Yvonne Lockwood weaving loss \$400. POY Marja Kaisla pianist loss of \$890. \$12k in the bank.

Seppo commented on the Scan Fair food booth. The rent of the kitchen was \$100 and there were some extra costs to buy supplies from a store, which brought the proceeds down.

2) Discussion of priorities for FFCPC going forward

Handouts for prioritizing initiatives for 2015. The board wants to get an idea of what the membership finds valuable.

Book club meetings have been going on regularly. Typical attendance 5-8 members.

We currently have approx. 70 paid members and an additional 30 on the mailing list.

Highlight for Greg was the Sonore choir tour. The board thanked Katariina for her work.

Participated with the Swedish Society in March. 50-75 people participating, seems to be growing by year.

Midsummer booth in Oaks Park, lot of the board members volunteered.

Fin-Nic is group of Finns who go to Lindgren cabin to have a picnic together.

ScanFeast Oct 19h, is a fundraising event for SHF. Other events don't create big proceeds but are

geared towards creating awareness and visibility. FFCPC attendance was appreciated by the rest of the Nordic community. Tables were paid by the attendees, not by the FFCPC.

ScanFair Joulupukki booth was very popular and made a significant profit. Judy Perkiomaki made a great effort by sewing the dresses. Katariina received a lot of compliments of the scene.

PIFF reception and film Disciple last week.

A question was raised why FFCPC does not participate in the Astoria midsummer event. Seppo mentioned that in the past we did not have the resources to participate. Dave brought up that there are several other Astoria events we participate in. It would be expensive for people to drive down to Astoria and pay the lodging themselves. In the past there simple were not enough volunteers to attend.

Cynthia mentioned that in other projects she had members in Astoria area who had helped in the past. If FFCPC had some members in Astoria who would be willing to help we might be able to attend more of the Astoria events.

- 3) Dirk read the minutes of 2013 annual meeting. The minutes do not include all the officers; agreement was reached to add the officers. Chris moved and Pirjo Brooks seconded the motion to approve the amended minutes. Motion carries.
- 4) Speaker Pirjo Brooks; history of Messiah Lutheran church.
- 5) Musical Performance by Elisa Boynton cultural director played a piece by Finnish composer Patricius.
- 6) Speaker Judy Lampi, President of Astoria Finnish Brotherhood Lodge
- 7) Appointment of new board and election of officers:  
  
Candidates: Dave Alford, Marlene Broemer, Pete Lee, Jukka Perkiomaki, Ray Wikman, Dirk Schulbach. As a new member Pete Lee introduced himself and briefly talked about his background, vocation and interest in FFCPC.  
  
6 candidates 5 open positions, all paid members were told to vote for 5 candidates. Pirjo Schulbach collected the ballots and calculated the votes. Following members were elected to the board of FFCPC for 2-year term: Dave Alford, Jukka Perkiomaki, Dirk Schulbach, Ray Wikman and Pete Lee.
- 8) Raffle organized by Hilja and Judy. The winners were: Loreen Brooks, Jouko Paukkunen, Ray Wikman, Dirk Schulbach, Andrea Tolonen
- 9) Annual meeting concluded at 2:30.
- 10) Annual meeting was followed by a board meeting and election of officers. Ray made a motion to nominate the existing members to remain their current positions. Motion carries. Greg Jacob

president, Katariina Lehtonen vice-president, Anu Korhonen secretary, Dirk Schulbach treasurer, Jukka Perkiomaki membership chair. Other officers include: Chris Lazarus, Elisa Boynton, Pete Lee, Ray Wikman, Kai Sjoblom, Dave Alford.