



Finlandia Foundation® Columbia-Pacific Chapter

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

2017 Annual Meeting of the Chapter Membership

Saturday, February 18, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Finnish Room, Room 124, Cramer Hall, Portland State University

1721 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon, 97201

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:

Attendees: Dave Alford, Hilja Davis, Anu Erringer, Jerry Ghiglieri, Greg Jacob, Karen Jones, Chris Lazarus, Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog, Minna Lindholm, Elizabeth Newton, Päivi Panttila-Vargas, Judy Perkiömäki, Jukka Perkiömäki, Karen Reintzell, Seppo Saarinen, Dirk Schulbach, Pirjo Schulbach, Ray Wikman

- A. Welcome:** President Greg Jacob welcomed the membership to the 2017 Annual Meeting, including welcoming FFCPC's newest members Anu Erringer and Karen Reintzell.
- B. 2016 in Review:** Greg Jacob introduced each of the Board members present, gave examples of their projects, and thanked them for their work over the past year. Greg reviewed FFCPC's 2016 events, including the annual meeting, food booth at the Portland Midsummer Festival, Finnic picnic, concert by Finlandia Foundation National's performer of the year Sara Pajunen, and food booth and Joulupukki photo booth at the Portland ScanFair.
- C. Finnish Expatriate Parliament:** Board member Katariina Lehtonen-Harrskog made a presentation about the Finnish Expatriate Parliament (FEP), including FEP's achievements and work. Katariina will represent FFCPC at the FEP in June 2017. There is no cost to FFCPC for her attendance.
- D. Review 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Greg Jacob presented the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes. Seppo Saarinen made a motion to approve the 2016 FFCPC Annual Meeting Minutes as presented. Chris Lazarus seconded the motion. The membership approved unanimously.
- E. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dirk Schulbach presented the Treasurer's Report for calendar year 2016, including the balance sheet, profit and loss detail, and profit and loss statements for each of the following projects, Midsummer booth, ScanFair food booth and ScanFair Joulupukki photo booth. Net income for Midsummer was \$533.21. Net income for the ScanFair food booth was \$632.53. And the net income for the Joulupukki photo booth was

\$1,634.90. FFCPC received a \$1,500 grant from Finlandia Foundation National for a project to create a painting of a Finnish Winter War plane. FFCPC also received a \$407.28 Finland-100 grant from Suomi Seura for the October 2017 concert by Jussi Makkonen and Nazig Azejian. During 2016, FFCPC donated \$500 to the Naselle Finnish Festival, \$2,500 to Nordic Northwest for their capital campaign, and \$100 to the Pacific Viking Ship (which carries a banner advertising FFCPC). Net income as of Dec. 31, 2016 was \$107.78. Total assets as of Dec. 31, 2016 are \$13,139.95. Ray Wikman moved to accept the report. Seppo Saarinen seconded the motion. All present approved.

F. Auditor's Report: Auditor and FFCPC Life member Hilja Davis presented the 2016 Auditor's report. She and Sonja Haugen audited the 2016 books. Sonja is a life member of FFCPC, and Nordic Northwest board member and treasurer. Hilja and Sonja studied the bank statements, reconciliation reports, itemized profit and loss, balance sheets and meeting minutes. In Hilja's and Sonja's opinions, the financial records for FFCPC have been meticulously maintained and organized. According to their report, FFCPC Treasurer Dirk Schulbach has done an outstanding job and the Chapter is in good hands with him taking care of the finances. Hilja Davis and Sonja Haugen were asked to audit the 2017 books in 2018.

G. Most Valuable Finn Award: Dave Alford and Ray Wikman presented the *Most Valuable Finn Award* to FFCPC President Greg Jacob for his long-time dedication to FFCPC and to the job of President, and for working on almost every FFCPC project. His work has been exemplary.

H. Election of Directors: Terms of office for the following Board members expire today: Sami Hyvönen, Greg Jacob, Chris Lazarus, Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog, Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach and Haleigh See. Sami and Haleigh have decided not run for election. They were thanked for their service. Nominations Committee Chair Judy Perkiömäki presented the slate of candidates for the 2017 Board of Directors vacancies. They are Greg Jacob, Chris Lazarus, Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog, Minna Lindholm, Elizabeth Newton, and Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach. No nominations were made from the floor. Dave Alford made a motion to elect the slate of candidates. Jukka Perkiömäki seconded the motion. The membership approved unanimously. President Greg Jacob congratulated the new and re-elected board members.

I. Finland-100: Board member Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach introduced the Finland-100 committee members, and reviewed the list of the 2017 Finland-100 events planned by FFCPC and other organizations in the community. The list is available on the FFCPC website. FFCPC's first Finland-100 event was a Feb. 10 lecture by FFCPC President Greg Jacob, titled "*The Kalevala: Its Significance to the Finns.*" This lecture was co-sponsored by the Nordic Northwest Friday Night Lecture Series Committee. FFCPC volunteers provided a reception after the lecture. Greg's lecture drew 79 attendees, the most ever for a Finnish lecture in the 25+ year history of the Friday Night Lecture Series. FFCPC's next Finland-100 event is a modern kantele concert by Finlandia Foundation National Finland-100 Performer Ida Elina on April 25 at Nordia House. Pirjo requested feedback from members on ticket price ranges for a possible gala celebration the committee is discussing for Dec. 9, 2017. The evening may include dinner, presentations, and music. Most members recommended \$50 as the maximum per ticket price. Many thought selling sponsorships and/or tables would be good ideas to help fund the event. Dave Alford offered to donate two cases of wine to the event. Judy Perkiömäki and Hilja Davis offered to decorate the tables.

K. PSU Finnish Room Volunteer Project: President Greg Jacob requested volunteers to help clean and do minor maintenance in the PSU Finnish Room. The teachers who teach in the

room may wish to offer suggestions of work needed in the room. A yearly maintenance schedule may need to be established.

L. Idaho Sauna: Judy Perkiömäki spoke about a freestanding 10'x30' Finnish sauna in Idaho, which could be a potential Finland-100 project. The sauna is no longer operational. The owner would like to donate the sauna and have it moved off his property. Judy has seen photos of the sauna, but has not seen it in person yet. Judy suggested one possibility is placing the sauna on the property at Nordia House, after first obtaining approval by Nordic Northwest.

M. Painting: Dave Alford provided background information about the FFPC Finland-100 project of creating a painting of the plane flown by Jorma Sarvanto during the Finnish Winter War. Local artist Jerry Ghiglieri donated her time to create the painting. She and Dave unveiled the completed painting during the annual meeting. Jerry provided information about the painting. Dave discussed next steps, one of the goals is to present the painting to the Finnish Air Force. Greg thanked Jerry and Dave for their work on the project.

N. Raffle: For the Annual Meeting raffle, Cannery Pier Hotel of Astoria donated a gift certificate for a one-night hotel stay, Hilja Davis donated a copper coffee pot, Jerry Ghiglieri donated a Red Hawk plane print, and Judy Perkiömäki donated a bird and wood candleholder. These items were raffled to the membership. Katariina Lehtonen Harrskog won the Cannery Pier gift certificate. Dave Alford won the copper coffeepot. Elizabeth Newton won the bird/wood candleholder, and Päivi Panttila Vargas won the Red Hawk print. FFPC thanked the raffle donors.

O. Adjournment: Board member Ray Wikman made a motion to adjourn the 2017 Annual Meeting. Chris Lazarus seconded the motion. The membership approved unanimously.

P. Refreshments: President Greg Jacob invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments and thanked the board members and members who provided the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach
Secretary, Membership Chair, and Finland-100 Chair
Board of Directors
Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter

March 18, 2017: Approved by the Board of Directors for presentation to the membership for review and approval at the 2018 annual meeting.

March 10, 2018: Reviewed and approved by the FFPC Membership at the March 10, 2018 annual meeting.

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