



2011 FFCPC Annual Meeting Minutes, March 05, 2011

- 1. Meeting called to order.** The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM by President Seppo Saarinen, with 23 persons in attendance.
- 2. Reading of the Minutes from March 28, 2010 Annual Meeting.** Jim Rinta read the minutes from the previous year.
- 3. FFCPC Events for 2010 –2011.** Dennis Usitalo and Elisa Boynton reviewed FFCPC events for the 2010-2011 board year. Elisa recognized President Seppo Saarinen for his efforts in bringing FFCPC together. Our first event was the Midsummer celebration in Portland. The board cooked and served 'Ohukaisia', Finnish 'Silver Dollar' pancakes. In November we celebrated the Boris Sirpo Award. David Alford designed the award. There were certificates distributed to all performers. In December we participated in the ScanFair event at PSU. Finnish Independence Day occurred during ScanFair and FFCPC had a special presentation about Finland's Independence. It was a very touching event recognizing the wartime sacrifices. Following today's meeting we will have the Annual Mannerheim Dinner. There are 71 individuals who have signed up for the dinner. Wilho Saari will be coming to our dinner to play Kantele and unveil the Wilho Saari Award. Dennis Usitalo was recognized for doing a nice job in organizing and assisting in getting things done. We are working on bringing Finnish performers to this area. FFCPC organized and were involved in 12 events during the 2010-11 Board Year.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.** Dirk Schulbach presented the treasurer's report. As FFCPC is now an Oregon non-profit organization, SHF transferred funds that they had held for FFCPC to our account. We had additional funds that came in that were dedicated for room restorations. No balance sheet was presented but Dirk talked about the receipts and distribution of funds. Dirk also reviewed expenses. Denver James presented the findings of his audit and shared the information with the membership. Eila Chisholm and Denver James audited the 2010 books. Dirk Schulbach's book keeping was recognized as being in excellent shape. Financial management was excellent. The one gray area is the ownership of furniture. Also, the paperwork that showed perpetuity for classroom use is missing. One recommendation was to clarify the ownership of physical assets and redo the agreement to ensure perpetuity of the room. Judy Perkiömäki asked how FFCPC would organize getting a physical inventory? The suggestion was to identify what the FFCPC and Finnish community had vested into the room, identify what FFCPC owns and then approach PSU with necessary documents. Denver was thanked for his audit. The Board is aware and will be working on making that clarification with PSU.

5. Proposed Bylaws Revision. David Alford reviewed the Bylaws and the new regulations and requirements. The requirements of the IRS have changed for tax exempt status and 501(c)3. There is a change in Tax-exempt Corporation requirements on conflict of interest clauses. Our chapter is spending the funds appropriately. In our Bylaws we have provisions about hiring individuals to work for us. We added a provision of non-discrimination and a non-harassment clause. We also made an adjustment on the definition of 'majority' and '5 members of the board of directors'. The wording was changed to accommodate board membership. We changed the Bylaws to make the wording more consistent; David also talked about electronic communications and the need to move in that direction. David suggested we postpone approval of the Bylaws and call a Special Meeting that coincides with a regular Board meeting.

Denver James made a motion that we schedule a Special Meeting on April 3, 2011. Jukka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David made a motion to post the Bylaws on the Internet and send e-mails. We will send by mail notification to the members without e-mail addresses. Elisa Boynton seconded the motion. Denver questioned sending Bylaws electronically. Seppo indicated he felt people needed to learn to use technology for communication. The question had to do with how many people don't have e-mails. We will send postal announcements to any active members who don't have e-mail. Every member who has paid has electronic capabilities. The motion passed unanimously. Also it was established that regular board meeting would be held between 2:00 – 4:30 PM on the first Sunday of each month.

6. FFCPC in 2010 and the future. Seppo showed a presentation about the year of FFCPC. We had food booths at Midsummer and ScanFair. We were visible in the Nordic community. The Boris Sirpo award took us 6 months to develop but it was well worth the effort. The Mannerheim Dinner is also something new. Our plan is to continue with the Boris Sirpo Award Program. The old low activity mold was hard to break. We broke the mold and had seven events.

- KYL Concert (joint event with SHF)
- Midsummer Food Booth with suomalaiset ohukaiset
- Peter Kalm Lecture
- ScanFair Food Booth with meat pies and oven pancakes
- Finland's Independence Day Celebration at ScanFair and in the Finnish Room
- Boris Sirpo Recital
- Reception before PIFF film 'Steam of Life', Miesten vuoro (joint event with SHF)

Our current membership stands at:

-36 Life members

-15 paid Annual Memberships

We also have a distribution list of Finns and Friends of Finland, which includes members, former members and potential members, a total of 97 e-mail addresses.

What was done during the past year?

- We took early ideas and worked them into reality.
- We wanted to test these ideas in practice.
- Some of us put lots of energy and more time than we really have available into FFCPC.

Dennis Usitalo was presented an award for his participation, dedication and assistance.

We need to do early planning to pull things off. Spread the workload and have membership assist.

New mission statement for Finlandia Foundation:

“Inspiring, celebrating and connecting the Finnish-American community”

FFCPC does not exist automatically. It exists through the willingness of its members.

Do we really want to have FFCPC?

- a. We create ideas, provide contacts and volunteer.
- b. We attend the meeting and events.
- c. We support through dues and donations.

7. Election of 2011 Board of Directors. Jukka Perkiömäki presented the ballot for the new board. Pirjo Schulbach did an excellent job in soliciting candidates. Pirjo introduced the seven candidates. The candidates are:
Andrea Tolonen, Greg Jacob, Anja Robinson, Cynthia Pannell, Katariina Lehtonen, Seppo Saarinen, Elisa Boynton.

Denver James made a motion that we accept all seven candidates. Judy seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

8. Election of Auditors. Jukka nominated Denver James to continue his role as an auditor. Elisa Boynton suggested her son Henri as the second auditor. Henri Boynton volunteered. Both were elected to audit next year's books.

In the interest of time New Business was tabled. The Board and the attendees needed to get over to Parkway North to set up the Mannerheim Dinner venue. The annual meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.