



Finlandia Foundation® Columbia-Pacific Chapter

Sunday August 29, 2010 2:00 – 4:30,
Board Meeting
PSU Cramer Hall Room 124, Finnish Room

Present:

David Alford
Dennis Usitalo
Jim Rinta
Seppo Saarinen

Absent:

Jukka Perkiomaki
Dirk Schulbach
Elisa Boynton

Member in Attendance:

Judy Perkiomaki

Seppo started the meeting at 2:07

No quorum was present according to the current by-laws

1. Finnish Fall Picnic September 18
 - a. Discussion about a picnic in the fall, Seppo was concerned about people being involved. Might not have enough time this year to pull it off.
 - b. Is there a possibility for an Independents Day celebration dinner? Discussion about planning and conflict with other groups ensued.
 - c. We discussed an FFCPC Picnic possible for next summer. We need to have a better plan.

2. Other culture events were discussed however without Elisa it is difficult to discuss.
 - a. Attendance at SHF and Peter Kalm September 15 event was encouraged.
 - b. The question about paying presenters was asked. Would that encourage more participation?

- c. A dinner for a celebration; The Carl Gustaf Mannerheim Dinner. Date will be established at a later time.
- d. Discussion for ScanFair breakfast serving Finnish pancakes; Dennis will take the lead with Dave assisting. We will move forward with the breakfast.
- e. Judy suggested having a picture taken in the Finnish Room with Joulupukki as a fundraiser activity during ScanFair.
- f. Dave suggested having the annual meeting first, then follow with the Mannerheim Dinner. The attendees all agreed it would be a great idea. Seppo will send a separate e-mail to the board to vote for the proposed dinner.
- g. Seppo suggested having a cultural event with music. However Elisa would need to have input.
- h. The “Sisu” presentation date was discussed. Dirk would know dates and process. Dave said he would check with PSU and Dr. Tom Birney to coordinate a date for the “Sisu” presentation.

3. Honorary Consul Position

- a. Discussion about the next Honorary Consul position. What roll can FFCPC play? What are some of the requirements? Seppo will take the lead in finding out what the requirements are and if we can / should be active involved.

4. Information

- a. Next board meeting is scheduled for October 3. The November meeting should be on November 7th.
- b. Discussion about a January or February Board meeting to plan and prepare for the Annual Meeting and the Mannerheim Dinner were discussed. We discussed looking for a date in March for the dinner. March 5th was suggested.
- c. In general, members have appreciated receiving information from the National Foundation.

5. Financial and Membership

- a. \$2972.51 has been transferred to FFCPC accounts from New Sweden and SHF for the Finnish room restoration.
- b. Discussion ensued about what responsibility PSU has versus what FFCPC would like to use the funds for.
- c. It was suggested by Dave that Seppo meet with PSU President to share FFCPC’s accomplishments and what still needs to be done to the room.
- d. In a previous meeting Dirk had suggested reducing the dues. 13 people have paid dues this year. Should dues be reduced? If people paid less maybe they would contribute more of their time.

- e. When should dues notices be sent out? A discussion ensued with the suggestion of sometime in January. Dave said he would take on the responsibility of sending out the notice. Should we delete non-members from the list? Inform members and tell them why they should pay dues to the organization. Dave will work on something to send out to the members.
- f. A discussion followed about senior FFCPC members and a reduction in their dues and also the possibility of opening our events to other Finnish organization, UFKBS or Finnish American Historical Society.

6. The FFCPC Web site development will begin in two weeks.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:12.

Respectfully submitted by, Jim Rinta