

# **Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter**

## **Meeting Minutes**

October 3, 2010 at 2 pm

The Finnish Classroom, Room 124 Cramer Hall, Portland State University  
1721 S.W. Broadway, Portland, Oregon 97201

1. **Roll Call**. The following Officers and Directors were present: Seppo Saarinen, President; Jukka Perkiomaki, Vice-President; Dave Alford, Director; Elisa Boynton, Director and Denis Usitalo, Director. Absent were: Jim Rinta, Secretary and Dirk Schulbach, Treasurer. There was a quorum.
2. **ScanFair Food Booth**. Dennis Usitalo is in charge of our Finnish Food Court Booth and looking for Finnish volunteers and cooks. Various menu items were discussed. Elisa Boynton suggested we include information about and salute the Anniversary of Finnish Independence, officially December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1917, during ScanFair. Dave Alford moved to have the booth. Seppo Saarinen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. **Rubber Stamp**. President Seppo Saarinen showed the Board books that had been donated by a visiting author. He suggested we obtain a rubber stamp to identify books donated to the organization, etc. Jukka Perkiomaki moved to purchase a rubber stamp. Dennis Usitalo seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Dave Alford will order the stamp.
4. **Name Tags**. Dave Alford suggested that we should purchase name tags prior to ScanFair. He is to check with "Ribbon Specialties". If they can be ordered for a one time "set up fee" of under \$100 and at about \$12 each, he is to provide the Board of Directors with an example. If the price and example are acceptable to the BOD, he is to order the name tags. Seppo Saarinen moved for the foundation to pay the set up fee so that the Directors can purchase them for about \$12 each. Jukka Perkiomaki seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
5. **Mannerheim Dinner**. Dave Alford is to investigate PSU as a venue in conjunction with our Annual Meeting. Potential dates are March 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>; possible locations are University Place, Smith Center and the Simon Benson House.
6. **Next Meeting**. President Saarinen suggested the BOD bring suggestions for bylaws revisions to the next BOD meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the Finnish Classroom.
7. **Attendance**. The BOD agreed that Treasurer Dirk Schulbach should be asked to attend meetings regularly.
8. **Golf Tournament**. Jukka Perkiomaki will contact Jari Huhtanen at the Trails End Golf Course about assisting FFCPC in setting up a Finnish Golf Tournament.
9. **Student Music Recital**. Elisa Boynton will create a recital featuring students to be held at Messiah Lutheran Church on Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 2 pm. It was agreed that the Chapter will promote and attend the event.

10. **December Meeting.** The Board will attempt to meet at PSU during ScanFair, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
11. **FFCPC Programs.** President Saarinen will arrange for a Sisu (Sisu Truck) program in January, 2011. In February, 2011 he will provide a program about Nokia. Elisa Boynton will create a program about Finnish Composers for March, 2011.
12. **Honorary Finnish Consul.** Seppo Saarinen announced that Katarina Lehtonen Harrskog has applied to be Oregon's Honorary Finnish Consul. Jukka Perkiomaki moved to advise the Consul General that to the best of our knowledge she is the most viable candidate and we support her consideration. Elisa Boynton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
13. **Membership/Dues.** There was discussion about reducing our dues. No motion resulted so they will remain the same. We will continue to solicit donations for projects and funds as part of our membership renewal process. Dave Alford will create membership cards. We will use the renewal process to inform members of our cultural events, lectures, golf tournament, midsummer participation, Mannerheim Dinner and other activities.
14. **FFN Sports Scholarship Fund.** Jukka Perkiomaki will inform other chapters about the history and purpose of the fund and challenge them to contribute to its success.
15. **Audit of Chapter Funds.** Dave Alford moved to elect Denver James as auditor. Jukka Perkiomaki seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
16. **Parahulta Atlannin Aallot.** Finnish musicians at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 515 SW Maplecrest, Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 1 pm. The chapter will participate by forwarding the announcement.

Submitted by: Dave Alford, Secretary Pro Tem  
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