

Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sunday November 7, 2010 2 pm at the Finnish Classroom

1. The meeting was attended by: Seppo Saarinen, President; Jukka Perkiomaki, Vice-President; Elisa Boynton, Dennis Usitalo and Dave Alford, Directors. Jim Rinta, Secretary and Dirk Schulbach, Treasurer were absent. There was a quorum.
2. Dave Alford distributed FFCPC name tags. The name tags are available to Board of Directors and members for \$12. President Seppo Saarinen will send information about name tags to members: send payment to Dirk Schulbach by November 15th: 0231 SW Palatine Hill Rd, Portland 97219
3. President Seppo Saarinen and Directors discussed our food booth at ScanFair and Seppo later gave the BOD samples of Finnish cuisine. The BOD agreed we should bring a prepared bread and meat dish (name ?) ready to warm and sell. Director Dennis Usitalo is chairing the activity.
4. We want to recognize Finnish Independence during ScanFair and it was agreed Seppo will move this agenda along with SHF. Dave will bring “makings” for blue punch and a large coffee maker for an Independence Day reception in the classroom. Seppo will ask others to bring additional items and/or make arrangements for additional refreshments.
5. Elisa Boynton moved for the chapter to create and sponsor “The Boris Sirpo Outstanding Young Performers’ Recital” at 2 pm on November 20th, 2010 at Messiah Lutheran Church, Portland, OR.

Elisa requested the chapter furnish an approx. \$50 award for the “best performance”, certificates to all participants, refreshments, programs and incidental costs. The intent is for this to become an annual event. This year, to initiate the recital, Elisa’s students are performing. The chapter must create criteria for participation, deciding awards, etc. prior to the event in 2011. Elisa has extensive experience in arranging and conducting musical recitals and events.

Elisa asked FFCPC to furnish an English translation of the Kalevala to present to Lydia Rivers an 11 year old Kantele student who is interested in Kalevala poems and Finnish ancient history.

It was decided to originate a modest “perpetual” award for the “Best Performer” to keep for one year and return. Dave will assist Elisa

with programs and other incidental items. Dave will create the certificates and represent FFCPC at the recital as President Saarinen and Vice-President Perkiomaki are unable to attend. He will also obtain the perpetual award at Ribbon Specialties, who did our classroom plaques and name tags. Dennis Usitalo will arrange for refreshments with suggestions to contact Leena Riker, Paivi Kramer, Gainor Riker (Leena's daughter) at Houlton Bakery (503) 366-2648 or Scandia Imports for pulla and Finnish napkins.

Dave Alford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. President Seppo Saarinen and Cultural Director Elisa Boynton are working toward a grant from Suomen Kulttuurirahasto to fund Finnish performers and, possibly, a tour for Finlandia Foundation Chapters on the West Coast. They will continue with this project and report their progress to the Board of Directors.
7. Dave Alford asked for board approval so SHF can use the Finnish Classroom as a "break room" for ScanFair volunteers December 4th & 5th and the Directors agreed to allow the volunteers to use the back of the room for this purpose.
8. President Seppo would like to have the Website operable by ScanFair. The website address is: <http://www.ffcpc.info>
9. President Seppo Saarinen asked Dave Alford and Jukka Perkiomaki to create a chapter history for the website including the story of the Finnish Classroom. They are also going to review the membership form. We would like to have the membership renewals in the mail by/during December.
10. Vappu (on/about Saturday April 30th, 2011). President Seppo Saarinen asked for an alternative venue to the Rogue Ale House. Dave Alford suggested the Raccoon Lodge. Jukka Perkiomaki knows the owner. Dave and Jukka agreed to investigate the possibilities.
11. Bylaws. President Seppo Saarinen wants the BOD to propose bylaws revisions for the membership at the Annual Meeting, Saturday March 5, 2011. He would like the BOD to review the bylaws and draft suggestions.
12. Mannerheim Dinner Saturday March 5th, 2011 (after the Annual Meeting). Dave Alford contacted PSU. They said to go to the PSU website and follow directions for having food catered on campus. They suggested asking Prof. Tom Birnie for help in coordinating with the Language Department. Dave asked for a committee to be appointed to create the dinner. Seppo said he would ask Maarit Reed and spouse Eva Saarinen if they would be willing to work on the committee. Potential locations at

PSU could include Lincoln Center, Smith Center and the Simon Benson House.

13. President Seppo Saarinen reminded the BOD that we have pending events: his lectures on (1) Nokia & (2) Suomi Trucks and Elisa's lecture on (3) Finnish Composers. He wants these to be FFCPC presentations with SHF (now NHF) members and others as our guests.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.

Minutes submitted November 29, 2010
by Dave Alford, Director

Additional Information

- A. The 2011 Portland Midsummer Festival will be at Oaks Park.
- B. The suggestion has been made to create a Kantele Master Wilho Saari Award for Young Musicians. How about a modest FFN grant request to improve the "Outstanding Young Performers Event" for 2011?
- C. Messiah Lutheran Church has pledged \$250K to the Nordic Heritage Foundation Cultural Center upon its completion (SHF is now NHF).
- D. The Scandinavian Heritage Foundation voted to change its name to the Nordic Heritage Foundation. This will create a more visible link to the Nordic Heritage Museum in Ballard (North Seattle), WA.
- E. Congratulations to Director Elisa Boynton for a very successful "2010 Outstanding Young Performers Recital", Saturday November 20th at Messiah Lutheran Church. Director Dennis Usitalo created the reception that followed.
- F. Finnish Independence Observation at ScanFair on Sunday December 5th in the Smith Center Ballroom at 11am. Reception following in the Finnish Classroom, 124 Cramer Hall, PSU.

