

MEETING NOTICE

Sunday 2 pm February 27th at the Finnish Classroom

Important Available Officers & Directors Attend

**This is our last meeting before the Annual Meeting,
Elections and the Mannerheim Dinner**

Finlandia Foundation® Columbia-Pacific Chapter Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Sunday February 6, 2011

The meeting was held at the Finnish Classroom, 124 Cramer Hall, at Portland State University. In attendance were: President Seppo Saarinen and Directors Elisa Boynton and Dave Alford. There was no quorum. Those absent: Vice-President Jukka Perkiomaki, Secretary Jim Rinta, Treasurer Dirk Schulbach and Director Dennis Usitalo. There were no guests.

Previous Minutes. Not be considered because there was no quorum and were tabled until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Dirk Schulbach provided a report to all Directors by internet.

Old Business

1. **The Annual Meeting.** President Saarinen will need (1) the podium, (2) the screen lowered and (3) an LCD projector. The membership will be polled so that those interested in holding office might be considered.
2. **Field Marshall Mannerheim Dinner.** Details, options, entertainment and displays were discussed. Seppo and Judy Perkiomaki will know more and give a report at the next meeting on February 27th, 2011
3. **The Mailer.** The mailer will include:
 - A. Notice of the Annual Meeting and Elections on March 5, 2011 from 2pm to 4pm at the Finnish Classroom, 124 Cramer Hall, PSU.
 - B. A Dues and Membership Form with a Membership Card.
 - C. Information about the Mannerheim Dinner on March 5, 2011 at Smith Center, 1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201 (next to Cramer Hall). The cost is \$30/person. From 4pm – 6 pm there will be a social with entertainment in the Finnish Classroom while the dinner location is being prepared. The dinner location will be open at 6 pm. The program will begin with musical performances, greetings, appetizers and displays.

- D. A President's Message.
 - E. Other notices and information to be decided.
4. Status of the Boris Sirpo Recital Project. An annual Wilho Saari Award for Finnish Kantele was decided, personally financed and ordered by the Board of Directors at no cost to the membership. It has since been completed and will be displayed at the Mannerheim Dinner. The Wilho Saari and Boris Sirpo Awards and Youth Music Project will be presented to the membership. Elisa will explore the possibility of linking our event to something similar in Finland to give it additional emphasis. Sponsors will be sought for the Boris Sirpo Recital to donate awards for all age groups: (1) pre-school, (2) grade school, (3) middle school, (4) high school, (5) college as well as (6) most outstanding performance. - for which we already have an annual award. Their cost is approximately \$75 each and they are perpetual awards.
 5. Suomen Kulttuurirahasto Tour. The Project will be postponed until 2012.
 6. Lectures. We will go forward and schedule: Sisu Trucks, Nokia, Finnish Composers and "Lap King's Daughter". We will hold the first lecture on a Sunday at the Finnish Classroom then reevaluate.
 7. Vappu (Walburgis Eve Celebration). We will accept the New Sweden invitation this year for their event at Dave Carter's farm on Stafford in West Linn. We will look for a source of Finnish student graduation caps so our US graduates can participate more traditionally if they care or dare to do so.
 8. New Year's Eve Party. There was discussion and the subject was tabled until our next meeting.
 9. Bylaws Revisions. Seppo and Dave will create revisions for consideration at the Annual Meeting.
 10. Finnish Independence Observation. Agreed to present to the BOD future discussion about continuing the ScanFair observation possibly using individual audience held electronic candles.

New Business

1. Columbia-Pacific Regalia. Agreed we will look into chapter pins similar to those of FFN and various clothing possibilities to possibly also recognize the Finnish Classroom 1959 – 2009. If we can find "graduation caps", they may also show chapter identification. Tabled for a future meeting.

Adjournment. The Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.