

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**The next Board Meeting has been changed to
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011 from 2:00-pm-4:30pm
due to Labor Day weekend (09/04/11) and the
SHF Annual Membership Celebration (09/11/11).**

Finlandia Foundation® Columbia-Pacific Chapter

**Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, June 5, 2011
2:00pm-4:30pm
Portland State University
Cramer Hall, Finnish Room**

Minutes

Board Members Present: Dave Alford, Elisa Boynton, Greg Jacob, Katariina Lehtonen, Cynthia Pannell, Jukka Perkiömäki, Seppo Saarinen, Dirk Schulbach (*Quorum present*).

Absent: Jim Rinta, Anja Robinson, Andrea Tolonen.

Others Present: None.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. by Seppo.

Minutes

Annual Meeting Minutes (Corrected) (3-5-11). Seppo led a discussion highlighting the corrections made to the Annual Meeting Minutes (a copy for review was forwarded to all Board members prior to the meeting). Greg nominated the minutes be approved and Jukka seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Board Minutes (5-1-11). A brief discussion about last month's Board meeting minutes followed. Once it was determined the Board members present had reviewed the e-mailed copy, Jukka moved for approval of the minutes and Greg seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Board Member Assignments

Seppo reviewed the current status of board member assignments by calendar event. The following vacant leader positions were filled: ScanFair/Finnish Room – Jukka; New Year's Eve Party – Elisa; and the Jean Sibelius Dinner – Seppo. Up-to-date details about the Board assignments are found in **2011-2012 Cultural Events Plan** below.

Events Coordinator. A question was raised regarding the Events Coordinator position since each FFCPC event will now be led by Board members serving as "event" coordinators—each coordinator would assume responsibility for the event logistics and make arrangements for assistance from other Board and/or FFCPC members. Cynthia moved for the elimination of the Events Coordinator position and Greg seconded the motion. The Events Coordinator position was eliminated by unanimous approval by the Board.

2011-2012 Cultural Events Plan

Here is a detailed account of the 2011-2012 FFCPC events:

Date	Event
April 30, 2011 7:00pm	<i>Vappu or Walborgis Eve Celebration</i> (sponsored by the New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society) at Dave and Melinda Carter's Farm in West Linn

Vappu Committee: Seppo (leader), Dave, Elisa, Cynthia.
Supporting Members: Karen Jones, Eva Saarinen, Maarit Reed, Marlene Broemer.

Seppo reviewed FFCPC's involvement in the recent *Walborgis Eve (Vappu) Celebration* and the Board discussed participating in next year's celebration. A worthwhile cultural activity, the Board decided that contingent on receiving an invitation from New Sweden, FFCPC would participate in 2012 and beyond. Jukka moved for approval with Katariina seconding the motion. It was unanimously approved.

June 17-19, 2011 11:00am-9:00pm	<i>Astoria ScanFest 2011 – 44th Scandinavian Midsummer Festival</i> at Clatsop County Fairgrounds, Astoria, OR [NOT AN OFFICIAL 2011 FFCPC EVENT]
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Astoria Midsummer Committee: Greg, Jukka.
Supporting Member: Judy Gervais.

The Board discussed ideas for expanding our presence in Oregon and SW Washington. Since the next venue is *Astoria ScanFest*, the Board decided FFCPC should make a limited presence by supplying an informational flyer for distribution at Judy Gervais' booth. Greg will create the flyer which will include (1) a listing of our upcoming activities and (2) contact information for inquiries about FFCPC and membership. The Board decided to make an "official" appearance at next year's festivities.

June 25, 2011 11:00am-9:00pm	Helsinki Café (Finnish Food Stand) and "Kantele Can Tell" booth at the <i>Portland Scandinavian Midsummer Festival</i> (sponsored by SHF) at Oaks Park
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Portland Midsummer Committee: Dave (leader), Dirk, Katariina, Elisa, Cynthia.
Supporting Members: Dennis Usitalo, Marlene Broemer.

Dave brought the Board up-to-date on the Finnish food booth plans and preparations. He also proposed (and the Board agreed) to expand this year's menu offering. The Helsinki Café will offer: (1) a **Finlandia breakfast** – Finnish pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage patty and beverage plus pancake toppings (full breakfast, children's/senior's

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reduced portions, and pancakes only); (2) a **Finlandia lunch** – Karelian sausage dog on deli bun, potato salad and beverage or Karelian sausage dog on bun only; and (3) a selection of **Finlandia beverages** – coffee with refill, soda, water and orange juice. Dirk and Dave will work out the remaining details and logistics and keep the Board up-to-date on the preparations as the festival approaches. Arrangements for the "Kantele Can Tell" booth also need to be made.

August 7, 2011 12:00pm-3:00pm	Fin-Nic [sponsored by <i>Finnish-American Historical Society of the West</i>] at Historic Lindgren Cabin on Cullaby Lake in Warrenton
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Fin-Nic Committee: Greg (leader), Andrea, Cynthia, Jukka, Dave.

Supporting Members:

This potluck picnic will be a good opportunity for FFCPC members and their families to meet with FAHSW members, enjoy a meal together, and visit the historic Lindgren Cabin. Dave relayed Andrea's request for FFCPC members attending Fin-Nic to bring one potluck food item (about 8 servings) and/or contribute financially to offset FAHSW's expenses. Greg will coordinate with FAHSW on ways for FFCPC Board members to help.

See **Other Topics** below for details from the sideline dialogue related to both FFCPC and FAHSW about the status of FFCPC's donated Finnish books and related concerns.

August 11-14, 2011 11:00am-9:00pm	<i>Junction City 51st Annual Scandinavian Festival</i> in Junction City, OR [NOT AN OFFICIAL 2011 FFCPC EVENT]
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Committee: N/A

Supporting Member: N/A

The Board briefly looked at this 4-day festival as another way to expand FFCPC's presence in Oregon. Dave asked if the festival would require involvement for the entire 4-day festival. Inquiries will be made and the Board agreed to revisit this idea when the 2012-13 events are planned.

TBD 2011	Presentations—Sisu Trucks (Seppo), Nokia (Seppo), Finnish composers (Elisa)
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Presentation Committee: TBD

Supporting Members: TBD

These presentations have not yet been scheduled. We plan to use the Finnish Room (which holds a maximum of 30 people) until we outgrow the space. Suggested months for adding these presentations to our calendar are: September, November, and January. The Board will proceed with scheduling issues at our next Board meeting.

Date	Event
October 9, 2011 2:00-5:00	<i>The Lapp King's Daughter</i> by Stina Katchadourian (sponsored by FFCPC) at Finnish Room

Lapp King Committee: Cynthia (leader), Dave.
Supporting Members:

Seppo reminded us that copies of Stina's book will be available prior to the reading. Dave will investigate the costs involved for providing accommodations for one-night at University Place. Jukka suggested Board member(s) might organize either a meal or small social gathering after the presentation. Details to be determined.

December 3-4, 2011 11:00am-9:00pm	Helsinki Café (Finnish Food Stand)/Independence Day Celebration at <i>Portland ScanFair</i> (sponsored by SHF) at PSU Smith Hall and Finnish Room
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ScanFair Committee: Seppo/Jukka (co-leaders), Greg, Katariina, Cynthia, Dave.
Supporting Members: Judy Gervais, Dennis Usitalo.

FFCPC's involvement in *ScanFair* will include the following activities: (1) the Helsinki Café, (2) a short program for Finland's Independence Day and (3) the Finnish Room (and the possibility of joulupukki making an appearance). Plans need to be further developed and finalized this fall to ensure a successful FFCPC presence at *ScanFair*. The Board will need to encourage FFCPC member participation in one or more of the planned activities. Also, we might want to extend an invitation to the Finnish School, Messiah Lutheran and other Finnish organizations to participate in the festivities (e.g., children's and/or adult choirs with kantele).

December 31, 2011 TBD	Uudenvuodenaatto / New Year's Eve Celebration
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New Year's Committee: Elisa (leader), Dave.
Supporting Members:

The Board decided to add a New Year's party to our calendar. Elisa agreed to lead the committee in organizing the event. Plans and additional committee members will be worked out in future Board meetings

February __, 2012 TBD	2nd Annual String Concert/Competition (Boris Sirpo Award and Wilho Saari Kantele Award) at Messiah Lutheran Church
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Competition Committee: Elisa/??? (co-leaders), Katariina, Dave.
Supporting Members:

Elisa requested that this event be moved from November to February. A lively discussion followed covering topics such as (1) the logistics of organizing a competition, (2) using Kalevala Day (February 28) to anchor for the competition and/or other FFCPC events, and (3) the changing future annual meetings from March to February (see **Other Topics** for more details). Dave nominated the competition to be moved to February and Dirk seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the calendar change.

Date	Event
March 3 (or 10), 2012 TBD	Jean Sibelius Dinner at Norse Hall (?)

Sibelius Dinner Committee: Seppo (leader), Andrea, Katariina, Cynthia, Elisa, Dave.
Supporting Members:

Dave informed the Board that he had inquired about changing the venue for next year's festivities from PSU to the Norse Hall so we can offer an "authentic Finnish dinner" instead of just "Finnish hors oeuvres." Norse Hall would be able to accommodate our planned activities—annual and board meetings, food preparation, decorations, dinner and silent auction (and a dance?) in one building. A date will be set once we receive confirmation of Norse Hall's availability.

Financials and 2011-2012 Budget

Financial Update. Dirk reported FFCPC's financials are essentially unchanged since last report. He also reported we expect to receive \$345 from SHF for the PIFF event sponsorship, which will make that event profitable at \$145.

2011-2012 Budget. The budget will be based on last year's figures and the cost estimations below which reflect the full costs for each event (not the net costs to the chapter after receiving income from the attendees):

2011-2012 Event	Estimated Cost	Comments
Vappu	\$0	Incidental member costs/donations
Midsummer	\$250	
Fin-Nic	\$0	Incidental member costs/donations
Lapp King's Daughter	\$85	
String & Kantele Competition	\$100	
ScanFair	\$250+	
New Year's Party	\$???	
Jean Sibelius Dinner	\$2,500+	

Also, note some events may need advanced monies for deposits, application fees, licenses, etc. which will be reimbursed to the chapter from the event proceeds.

Other Topics

Finnish Books – Appelo Archive Center/Finnish American Historical Society of the West/Messiah Lutheran Church. While finalizing the Board assignments for Fin-Nic, the topic of the Finnish books was raised. Dave suggested that FFCPC offer to assist the Appelo Archive Center with cataloguing and any other related project so we could have an inventory available for public use. Seppo mentioned that Messiah Lutheran also has a number of Finnish books which could possibly become a part of this library collection. We also discussed having an excursion to the Center and Museum to become familiar with the facilities and what they have to offer our Finnish community. No decisions were made at this time.

Annual Meeting. As part of the discourse regarding the rescheduling of the annual string concert/competition to bring attention to and celebrate Kalevala Day (February 28), it was proposed by Dirk and seconded by Greg that the Board investigate moving FFCPC's annual meeting from March to February starting in 2013. The Board agreed to continue discussion about this proposal when we resume our monthly meetings in September. It was noted an amendment to our Bylaws would be required for this change to take place.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Due to the Labor Day weekend, the next Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.

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