

Finlandia Foundation® Columbia-Pacific Chapter

Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, October 2, 2011
2:00p.m.-4:30p.m.
Portland State University
Cramer Hall, Finnish Room

Minutes

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

Absent: Dave Alford, Jim Rinta, Anja Robinson.

Others Present: None.

The Board meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. *Board Minutes (6-5-11)*. The revised minutes were unanimously approved.

Past Events

The following recommendations were made and approved regarding the historical information to include on our website:

FFCPC History. A calendar/chronology of all FFCPC events will be maintained. Each event listing will include the following information: Date, Time, Location and Leader (contact info) with links provided to event summaries and/or pictures when available.

Event Summaries. A summary will be written by the event leader (or a designated Board member), submitted in either Word and/or Adobe PDF format, and then posted to our website.

Event Pictures. When available, 1-3 pictures will be included with each summary. A photo gallery is currently available on our Facebook page for the following events: 2011 Midsummer Festival, 2011 Fin-Nic, and FFCPC members attending the 2011 SHF Barbeque Bash, plus additional photos from the Finnish Room Rededication.

Date

Event

August 7, 2011

12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

Fin-Nic [sponsored by *Finnish-American Historical Society of the West*] at the Historic Lindgren Cabin on Cullaby Lake in Warrenton

Fin-Nic Committee: Cynthia (leader), Andrea, Jukka, Dirk, Seppo.

Supporting Members: Judy Gervais, Pirjo Schulbach, Eva Saarinen.

Members of FAHSW, Astoria Finnish Brotherhood, Appelo Archive Center, Finnish-American Folk Festival of Naselle and FFCPC enjoyed a delightful afternoon and tasty potluck picnic at the Lindgren Cabin. The highlight of the event was a "kantele concert"

by Wilho Saari, who was also the recipient of FAHSW's 2011 Sauna Award.

Future Events

The Board reviewed the schedule and discussed each event as follows:

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), Seppo, Dave, Greg.

Supporting Members: Elisa, Andrea, Pirjo Schulbach, Judy Gervais.

Only 15 copies of *The Lapp King's Daughter* were received for sale at next Sunday's book talk. Due to its limited availability, purchase of Stina's books will be offered to all general attendees first and then Board members may make their purchases. If we run out, we'll investigate obtaining more books from the publisher. We expect a decent turnout for this event. The Board pre-approved an overnight rate of \$85-\$135 for Stina's University Place Hotel accommodations. Anita Raistakka and Seppo are coordinating Stina's travel arrangements from Naselle to Portland. Refreshments will be served.

November __, 2011 TBD	Nokia Lecture by Seppo Saarinen at Finnish Room
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Presentation Committee: TBD

Supporting Members: TBD

Seppo volunteered to give the first FFCPC lecture in November (exact date TBD). As soon as the date and time are finalized, all FFCPC members will be notified by e-mail.

December 3-4, 2011 11:00a.m.-9:00p.m.	Helsinki Café (Finnish Food Stand)/Independence Day Celebration at <i>Portland ScanFair</i> (sponsored by SHF) at Portland State
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ScanFair Committee: Seppo/Jukka (co-leaders), Greg, Katariina, Cynthia, Dave.

Supporting Members: Judy Gervais, Dennis Usitalo.

FFCPC plans include the following: (1) the popular Helsinki Café (food options to include karjalanpiirakka and pannukakku); (2) a short Finnish Independence Day program, and (3) Joulupukki and a "Kantele Can Tell" presentation in the Finnish Room. Volunteers are needed for food preparation, food service, booths, room, etc.)

December 31, 2011 (CANCELLED)	Uudenvuodenaatto / New Year's Eve Celebration
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The Board decided to cancel this year's New Year's Eve celebration (see "**Finnish and Finnish-American Traditions/Holidays**" section below).

Date	Event
January __, 2012 TBD	Presentation on Finnish Composers by Elisa Boynton at Finnish Room

Presentation Committee: TBD

Supporting Members: TBD

Elisa will present the second lecture on Finnish composers in January. Details to come.

February 11, 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:

The Board approved Saturday, February 11 as the date for the 2nd annual competition. Arrangements with Messiah Lutheran should be made as soon as possible. More discussion will follow.

March 3 (or 10), 2012 TBD	Jean Sibelius Dinner at Norse Hall (?)
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Sibelius Dinner Committee: Seppo (leader), Andrea, Katariina, Cynthia, Elisa, Dave.

Supporting Members:

Location, Date and Time—since Norse Hall details were not available, the Board discussed whether the old Finn Hall (Town Hall) might be an alternate option. Finlandia Foundation has held previous functions there and, evidently, the Finnish Brotherhood still uses the facilities (additional investigation needs to be done regarding this venue);

Activities—the proposed activities for the day include: (1) annual member meeting, (2) board meeting, (3) food preparation, (4) decorations/set-up, (5) appetizers/dinner, (6) presentation (music/slideshow/other), (7) silent auction, (8) possible dance, and (9) clean-up; and

Dinner preparation—the question of "who will prepare the dinner?" became a "hot" topic. Everyone agreed an "authentic" Finnish dinner was a great idea; however, a consensus could not be reached about how it would be accomplished. We will continue this discussion to answer whether we (1) ask member volunteers to prepare the dinner, (2) hire a caterer, or (3) use a combination of both?

March or April __, 2011	Sisu Trucks Presentation by Seppo Saarinen at Finnish Room
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Presentation Committee: TBD

Supporting Members: TBD

The final presentation will take place in March or April. Details to come.

Finnish and Finnish-American Traditions/Holidays

Ad Hoc Committee: Elisa, Andrea, Cynthia
Supporting Members:

As part of the New Year's Eve party discussion and its subsequent cancellation, our dialogue expanded to the topic of Finnish and Finnish-American traditions/holidays and how we could introduce customs to and build FFCPC member interest in our unique "blended" heritage. Elisa, Andrea and Cynthia will brainstorm ideas and report back to the Board.

Membership

Our current roster includes current, inactive and potential FFCPC members. It was noted that (1) we have many unpaid members on the roster and need to decide whether they should be dropped from the roster after 2012 Annual Meeting; (2) based on received payments, we may have more Life Members than we should have; and (3) we might consider adding another membership category (e.g., Senior) and/or use a multi-tiered pricing structure for our "paid" events (e.g., Senior or other discounted price like Member/Non-member). Dirk and Cynthia have already begun work on payment verification for life members which may take some time given the status of some of the historical financial records. A current roster will be distributed to all Board members prior to our next meeting for input, corrections, etc. We will continue our membership discourse over the next few months.

Financials and 2011-2012 Budget

Financial Update. Dirk reported FFCPC's financials are virtually unchanged since the last report. Copies of the report had been distributed to Board members prior to the meeting.

Other Topics

Board Meeting Length. After some discussion about the length of our meetings, the Board decided to reduce the timeframe from 2½ hours to 2 hours.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be Sunday, November 6, 2011 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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