

Thunder Bay Finnish Canadian Historical Society (TBFCHS)
Thunder Bayn Kanadansuomalainen Historiaseura
Meeting Minutes, February 27, 2018
Lakehead University Archives, 5th floor LI5001

Call to Order: 7:06 p.m.

Present: Sara Janes, Shirley Kauranen, Kim Koivukoski, Marc Metsaranta, Eldon Oja, William Roberts, Kathleen Traynor

Regrets: Jane Chapman, Rhonda Dubec, Jorma Halonen, Saku Pinta, Brenda Rikkonen, Kathy Toivonen, Anneli Tolvanen

Approval of

Previous Minutes: Kim Koivukoski; seconded: William Roberts; all approved – carried

Action Items and Results

Treasurer's Report: K. Traynor read the treasurer's report from Jane Chapman's email. Balance showing is \$7,618.74 in our chequing account. The Society's cheque to Thunder Bay Gymnastics Association Cairine Budner Scholarship Trust Fund hasn't been cashed yet. Here is a link to the page <http://www.tbga.ca/cairine-budner-scholarship-trust-fund.html>. A card was sent to the family % Randy and was mailed with the cheque. The cheque was for \$200.00. The Association will make sure Randy receives both cheque and card.

Business Arising:

1. St. Urho's Day

Discussion followed regarding St. Urho's Day and our Society booking a table to sell our books and memberships. K. Koivukoski found a phone number to call for more information. S. Kauranen is going to look into this further.

2. A Century of Sport in the Finnish Community of Thunder Bay

Copies of a letter to our Society from Diane Imrie, Executive Director of the NWO Sports Hall of Fame were distributed. The letter contained information on the status of the current inventory of A Century of Sport in the Finnish Community in Thunder Bay books. In our original grant application it was anticipated that \$9000 of the cost of the project would be recovered through sales of the books and that Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF) would pay for those costs and retain the book revenues until the costs were recouped. Now the SHOF wants to transfer our portion of the remaining books (197) to our Society.

Discussion followed as to how our Society is going to sell these books. W. Roberts suggested promoting the book by placing advertisements in the Finnish American Reporter, Kanadan Sanomat and other similar sources. It was also suggested that we sell our books at the Thunder Bay Historical Museum. S. Janes mentioned that in her experience a format change from paper to electronic would not be feasible.

3. Documentary Heritage Communities Program grant

Kathy and Sara re-submitted our Society's proposal to Library and Archives Canada for a DHCP grant.

New Business

1. Nolalu Homesteaders Project hosted on Geni.com

E. Oja talked about the Nolalu Homesteaders Project which resides on a family tree website called geni.com. A group of Finnish and Finnish-Canadians and genealogists have started the project which is called Nolalu Homesteaders. The focus is on homesteaders in Lybster Township, where Nolalu is located; Strange Township to the West and Marks Township to the North as well as farms with family links back into the Nolalu area.

The project essentially brings together the history of homesteaders in the region that were primarily Finnish with a mix of other new Canadians to add to the dynamics and then to link them to family tree profiles already in Geni world family tree. We encourage descendants to create new profiles and to expand the network.

E. Oja mentioned that this project was based on the information in the Society's Chronicles of Finnish Settlement book. Anyone can join geni.com and create a family tree.

For more information contact eldonoja@hotmail.com

2. Spring/Summer trip to local Finnish historical sites

This idea was mentioned but no particulars were finalized.

Next Meeting: April 2018 (date to follow)

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

