

Thunder Bay Finnish Canadian Historical Society (TBFCHS)
Thunder Bayn Kanadansuomalainen Historiaseura
Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2017
Lakehead University Archives, 5th floor LI5001

Call to Order: 7:18 p.m.
Present: Jane Chapman, Rhonda Dubec, Sara Janes, Saku Pinta, Brenda Rikkonen, Kathleen Traynor
Regrets: Shirley Kauranen, Anneli Tolvanen, Kathy Toivonen (briefly)
Approval of Previous Minutes: Jane Chapman; Brenda Rikkonen seconded: ; all approved – carried

Action Items and Results

Treasurer's Report: Jane reported a \$7,817.94 balance; the calendar project made a \$400.00 profit. At this point, we have broken even with the calendars. Jane also mentioned that Jorma received books from Chris Southcott who is now responsible for Northern Studies Publications. Jorma received 26 "Sweating with the Finns" books at cost \$10 each; retail of \$20.00. Our Society has made \$195.00, the books are for sale at Finnport. Jane also noted the the Christmas Bazaar sales were great. A motion to accept her report plus pay \$293.80 (Seating with the Finns) and an invoice for Suomi Seura (\$170.00) was moved by Jane, Sara seconded the motion; motion carried.

Business Arising: No agenda was created for this meeting, so we discussed the grant and our progress plus various other issues.

1. Documentary Heritage Communities Program grant

Kathy read through each section of the General Application Form 2017 - 2018. As a group, we discussed and determined the correct answer for each section. First section dealt with Applicant information, main contact information, legal status, organization information; second section dealt with Project summary, description, objectives; section three dealt with costs; section four dealt with project details, relevance, expected results, community engagement, project planning, evaluation, budget; section five dealt with Organizational capacity, financial stability, governance structure, mandate implementation.

There is another part of the grant which is project budget form.

Discussion followed as to pay rate, terms of employment, and how to pay consultant and people hired. One suggestion was to hire consultant as free lancer. Jane will contact H&R Block for guidance on this issue.

Sara and I have sent out over 10 requests for a letter of reference in support for the Society to of this grant.

2. We welcomed a new member Dr. Rhonda Dubec. Rhonda is a sessional/contract professor for English and Languages at Lakehead University. She is a knowledgeable and very entertaining person who will be a great asset to our society. Rhonda is also Finnish. 37952

3. New book

Jane mentioned a new book being published by the Embassy of Canada in Finland includes a number of photographs from the Society's photograph collection.

4. Free flowing conversation

The remainder of the meeting various topics were discussed. Topics such as Finnish Language course at Lakehead, new chair coming in Languages, educational sites for travellers, educational cruises and a really interesting app Liberation Philology (language instruction software) were discussed. A big thank you to Rhonda for sharing her knowledge and wisdom with the group.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.