

Thunder Bay Finnish Canadian Historical Society (TBFCHS)  
Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2016

**Call to order:** 7.06 p.m.

**Present:** Jane Chapman, Jorman Halonen, Anneli Tolvanen, Kathleen Traynor, Kim

**Regrets:** Shirley Kaurenan, Brenda Rikkonen, Kathy Toivonen

**Approval of**

**Previous minutes:** Jane Chapman moved; seconded Anneli Tolvanen ; carried

**Microfilm of Finnish newspapers published in Canada**

Discussion from the previous minutes, September 15, 2016, on the holdings of Finnish newspapers published in Canada and any gaps in the microfilm which is stored in Northern Studies Resource Centre. Jorma mentioned two newspapers - Vakaleuka and Metsatylainen that were in the Archives that could possibly be scanned. The Society will identify the newspaper and any gaps, once this is done, costs will be looked into.

**Unfinished business**

Jane Chapman will contact Ahti Tolvanen re: Suomi-Seura subscription.

**Treasurer's report:** Jane Chapman provided the Financial Report and our balance is \$8708.42. She also mentioned that the cost to publish the 2017 Calenders was \$898.53. At this point, we have broke even with the sales of the calenders.

The Post Office box rental invoice was not received in September. Jane inquired and paid the invoice in full in October, \$240.00.

Jane moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted - Kathy Traynor seconded; all approved - carried.

**Discussion: Books/Calendars:**

Jorma mentioned that the Hoito wants more calenders.

**Post Office Box:**

Discussion followed on the question about the Society's need for a Post Office Box. The cost is exorbitant and the Society does not get enough mail to justify this cost. Kathy Traynor is going to ask Sara Janes about the possibility of our Society using Lakehead University Archives address and closing our Post Office Box and get a refund for this year. If this

arrangement works, the Society will donate issues of Suomi Seura, Kanadan Sanomat and Ontario History to Lakehead University Archives.

### **Books at Finnish Labour Temple:**

Jane went to the Finnish Labour Temple to see what books are still there. She reported that we have 64 Project Bay Street books; 5 Century of Sports book and 2 History of Finnish Businesses in the Thunder Bay Area plus 2 CD's.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Calendars**

Jorma is meeting with Kanadan Sanomat this week.

Posters for calendars are or will be at 55+, Hilldale Lutheran Church, Suomi Koti, Hoito, Bay St. Credit Union, Scan Deli. More possible locations for the poster include Lakehead University and Finnport. Anneli confirmed that Finnport would be interested in selling the calendars and possibly Scan Deli and Bay St. Credit Union.

The question voted on at our meeting, was do we print more calendars and how many.

Jane Chapman put a motion forward to print 50 more calendars with corrections that Jorma made, Anneli Tolvanen seconded: the motion carried. It was also noted that members of TBFCHS can sell calendars for \$16.00.

### **2. Xmas fair**

Anneli is going to find out the cost of a table at this year Christmas Fair.

### **3. Finnish Labour Temple**

Jorma mentioned that the Finlandia Association wants TBFCHS to be at the Hall and that we would not be a subordinate group. Jorma suggested that our members join the Finlandia Association, cost of membership is \$20.00.

### **4. Kiikurit**

Anneli

### **5. Website**

The website needs to be updated to include anything regarding the Calendar project; where to purchase, cost, etc.