

## **THUNDER BAY FINNISH CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY (TBFCHS)**

### **APRIL 19, 2017 MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm at the Lakehead University Archives.

**Present:** K. Toivonen, J. Chapman, J. Halonen, B. Rikkonen, M. Metsaranta, S. Janes and R. Dubec

**Regrets:** K. Traynor, A. Tolvanen, S. Pinta

#### **I APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

B. Rikkonen moved and R. Dubec seconded to adopt the usual meeting agenda of

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence

FYI

TIME AND DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The motion was carried.

#### **II APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were two corrections to the January 16, 2017 minutes. Under the Treasurer's report, after pay \$293.80, the title of the book in brackets should read (Sweating with Finns). Under **3 New Book** the name should have read Sara, not Jane.

The corrected minutes were approved on a motion by J. Chapman and J. Halonen

#### **III BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Jorma inquired about the grant application.

It is a \$15,000 request to the Federal Digital Heritage Communities Project to hire a bilingual (English-Finnish) person to work with the Finnish holdings in the archives, by improving the finding aid, English descriptions, as well as, additional digitization of the holdings.

Response to the application is expected at the end of April.

Sara also reported that the Library Archive will be securing a large format scanner.

#### **IV TREASURER'S REPORT**

Printed Treasurer's Report was circulated showing balance of \$8,029.00 in our chequing account.

As noted in the previous minutes, the University has been paid for "Sweating with Finns" sauna books, leaving the proceeds from the remaining sales to the Historical Society. Jane asked that she be reimbursed for paying the \$15.00 attendance fee to the Ontario Historical Society symposium for four our members. She also requested that she be authorized to pay the Kanadan Sanomat bill of \$79.10 for our annual society notice. K. Toivonen also submitted a cheque for \$144.00 from the Baggage Building for our calendars.

The treasurer's report and requests were approved on a motion by J. Chapman and R. Dubec.

## **V NEW BUSINESS**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Kathy read a letter from Finlandia Association, which was actually dated in January, once again inviting the Society to become an Affiliate of the Association. Some discussion ensued and Kathy will follow up with Paula of the Association to discuss the possibility of being a "friend" rather than an "affiliate". She will also raise the prospect of having our AGM at the Labour Temple.

Some discussion about "The Friends of the Labour Temple" undertaking an interview project that sounds similar to the project the Historical Society had contemplated and reported on its Newsletter last year.

Jorma was asked to do more work on digitizing the display panels.

### **V TIME AND DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on May 17 at the Lakehead University Archives. The meeting is mainly to plan for the Annual General Meeting which hopefully will be scheduled for the first week in June. Members were asked to think about a presentation of some sort that would serve draw people to the AGM.

The meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:36 pm

On behalf of the Secretary, respectfully submitted by Jorma Halonen