

FINNISH GENEALOGY GROUP OF MINNESOTA

November 18, 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes

- 1 CALL TO ORDER: By Elaine Barton at 9:36 am
  - 2 GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: Roy Nelson
  - 3 AGENDA CHANGE REQUESTS: One
  - 4 CONSENT CALENDAR (aka CONSENT AGENDA): Accepted
    - A. Oct. 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Approved
    - B. Financial reports: Sept. 2017: Deposits: \$0; Expenses: \$0; Bank Balance: \$4,605.60  
Oct. 2017: Deposits: \$300; Expenses: \$0; Bank Balance: \$4,905.60
  - 5 OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
    - A. Treasurer Report (Carol Schwartzbauer and Jane Daniels)  
Donation to Finnish American Reporter to be paid in December  
Passwords to be changed on Nov. 30, dues must be paid by then to receive new password.
    - B. Membership Report (Jan O'Leary)
      1. Membership Status: 94 total, (92 paid; 2 honorary)
    - C. Vice President Report (Barb Wilson)
      1. Program Updates: Good attendance at Family History Day  
January: Genealogical proof by Greg Isola, February: Roadblocks by John Hanson
      2. Research Day Recap: Format with 3 help tables worked well
    - D. Communications Committee Report (Joan Dwyer)
      1. Hennepin County Library Family History Day – Recap: Nice thank you letter from Minneapolis Library. Volunteers were: Jeanne Swope, Len Adamson, Carol Schwartzbauer, Barb Wilson, Jerry Kettunen, Joan Dwyer and Jane Daniels.
      2. Finland 100 Anniversary Gala – Dec. 6, 7-10pm Orchestra Hall Lobby: Ticket price increases from \$65 to \$85 after Nov. 19.
      3. Other Events: Pikkujoulu "Little Christmas" in Cokato, December 2 @ 3:30 PM - 11:30 PM.  
Need list of items to take to outside events. Who has the banner??
  - 6 OLD BUSINESS
    - A. Library Donation Update - Jane Daniels:  
Anne Tormanen donated a 1917 laminated map of Finland with other items.  
Audrey Tact donated a Dec. 1999 issue of Swedish American Genealogy.
    - B. New Member Packet Update - Jan O'Leary has drafted a detailed description of FGGMN attachment.
  - 7 NEW BUSINESS: None
  - 8 MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
  - 9 BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 10:15am
- PROGRAM
- A. Preliminary Website Demo - Greg/Abram Isola
  - B. Finland Independence - Barb Wilson introduced Markku Majamaki who described his life in Finland on the family farm in the 1950's and 1960's. It was quite primitive but got electric power in 1956. His wife has written a book about his early life "A Finnish Farmboy's Christmas."

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Harju, Secretary