

FINNISH GENEALOGY GROUP OF MINNESOTA

Membership Meeting via Zoom Sat 11 Apr 2020 - 9:00 – 11:20 am

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in social distancing and stay at home orders, FGG is meeting via zoom.

Call to order

No guest introductions

Members attending: 30

Financial report (Carol Schwartzbauer): 31 Mar 2020 Balance: \$7073.42

Expenses: Two chrome books: \$341.46, Digitalone Website: \$6.07,
Website Name Domain: \$24.05 [Zoom purchase: \$171.61 for 1 year,
normally \$240 to \$250, will be in April business]

Membership (Jan O'Leary): 62 total, 60 paid, 2 honorary membership; Duane Wiita passed away.

Vice President report (Linda Mell) – Program updates: May presenter is Gus Fenton, DNA update. Election of officers. In the summer, Barb will present her book one chapter at a time. Will start at middle Iron Age to Independence to cover our immigrant's life. FGG will continue with zoom meetings.

Communication committee report (Joan Dwyer): Zoom meeting notice sent only to members. Ken will send a message regarding zoom meetings to the large group and can send invite to those interested in joining. We have members in Canada, N. MN, New York Mills, Iowa, MI, Wisc. Hjemkomst, end of June, in Moorhead- unknown if cancelled/ SISU seminar, Duluth, postponed to 2021

Member announcements: John Hanson: Salolampi- Family Adult and one-week programs are canceled. Two- and four-week programs will be in late July/Aug if allowable. See concordialanguagevillages.org website for online offerings.

Ken: Gus can do his presentation on Zoom

Meeting suggestions: Zoom meetings on other days of the week. Meet to socialize or talk about how to do research for members less experienced.

Old Business:

Diane: Trying to keep website up to date in member section. Gerald's document will be there. Continuing to do blog.

Ken: Will try to recover presentation and send to YouTube to see if it works.

Barb: Presentation link will be in member section to see You Tube video.

Elaine: Suggested officer elections be postponed till September, form committee over the summer.

Finnfest has been postponed to 2021. See finnfest.us website for updates.

St Paul and Hennepin Co Libraries: Free access to ancestry.com by on-line portal.

Facebook has Suomi Sing Along on Sundays with Helvi. Karen will forward link.

Gerald Kettunen presented 'Hall Finns and the Church Finns.' A handout was available in FGG email notice. There was a lot of discussion.

NEXT MEETING: Sat 09 May 2020 via Zoom, Gus Fenton will be presenting 'DNA Update.'

Meeting adjourned 11:20 am

02 May 2020 respectfully submitted by co-secretaries Kathy Adamson and Greg Isola