

FINNISH GENEALOGY GROUP OF MINNESOTA

Membership meeting via Zoom Sat 10 Oct 2020 9:30 – 11:15 am

No guest introductions.

Members attending: 29

Financial Report: Jane- More than \$7000

Membership: Jan O'Leary – 81 members, 1 honorary, 80 paid.

Membership Dues: Jan- Not collecting dues this year from members of good standing since September; if people have paid '20 - '21 dues it goes into the next year; new members pay \$20.

Future Programs: Linda

1. Student Master's Thesis-confirmed that Finns were white and not Mongolian/Chinese – Joan is following up.
2. Mark Munger
3. Mines and Mine Strikes-Pam Brunfelt

Joan Dwyer: Recorded email changes and forwarded them to Jan O'Leary for membership list. Jan's list is for paid members. Joan's list is for paid members, anyone showing any interest in our group, former members, people who have dropped in or signed the sign-in sheets at events. Joan's emails go to a group of people other than FGG. Inform Joan if any member loses a family member, is hospitalized or has surgery. Jan will check with person for permission to share with members.

FGG meeting minutes and agenda passed by unanimous consent.

Old Business:

Website: Diane Pearson would like partners to help give content for website.

Barb volunteered. Members email news for website.

New Business:

Permission form for Presenters- When completed give copy to the treasurer, Jan and Joan. Elaine will write the permission form, which includes the unlisted and private option, after the private capability test is completed by Carol and Ken.

Zoom recording: Ken- a recorded presentation is stored on you tube in the unlisted category. If you search on you tube you won't find it. Need to get a link to see the video. We are storing the links on our members only website section. If someone copies the link it could get forwarded.

Private storage: Need to get an invitation, a link and have a youtube or gmail account to view it. Someone other than a member could view the link. Asking members not to forward the link. The private one is much more difficult to manage. If a presenter objects to having their presentation recorded, it doesn't need to be recorded.

Zoom host: Linda- Need 3 or 4 members to be trained by Ken to be a zoom backup to host the zoom meeting. Diane Pearson offered.

Salolampi financial update: John - Investment value and donations have decreased. Gave fewer scholarships this summer because virtual costs are less. Financially not threatened. Scholarship Appeal is on now via postcard or phone call. Can donate online. Salolampi foundation donations go to the Finnish Language Village. Concordia Language Village donations go to all Villages. Salolampi has withdrawn funds from the endowment for scholarships for the last 3 or 4 years.

Ken- Have had a good response from the appeal. Can donate via paypal on the salolampi.org site.

Barb: Cousin Kauko's blog describes all parish record options in Finland with lots of detail. Now it is in English with Barb's editing. It is a very good reference. For example, if you don't know what you can find in a marriage record or how to get into them, it often shows how to get into them from the Finnish Family History Association and the National Archives. If you want to add something to the English version email Barb. Barb will share blog site.

Business meeting adjourned at 9:56am.

Dan (Karvonen) Haataja presented Kvens of Northern Norway.

10 Nov 2020 Respectfully submitted by co-secretaries Greg Isola and Kathy Adamson