

FINNISH GENEALOGY GROUP MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Via Zoom – 10 Sep 2022, 9:30a.m.

Call to order 9:30a.m.

Guests: Anne Taylor, Jonne Lähteenmaki (from Finland), Liz Citrin and Preston Burch

Agenda and meeting notes: approved

Financial Report, 31 Aug: Deposits: \$0.00; Expenses: \$7.28; Balance: \$6,826.75

Digital One increased from \$6.05 to \$7.28

Have paid for newspaper and zoom, church donation upcoming due, half of pre-COVID years

Pam will retain keys to church

Membership: 80 family groups, 79 paid, and 1 honorary. Dues \$20 for 2023. Jan will send email.

Program updates:

October – Barb on Finnish DNA

November – research day (see below)

January – Greg, back to basics, hints from FAR articles

February – Pam, Prejudice of Finns in Minnesota, John Swan court case, Finns tarred and feathered for not joining the war

March – Barb Wilson & John Hanson – Finns involved in wars, historical perspective

April or May– John Hanson – Genealogy weekend @ Salolampi, during an adult weekend, core part of presentations and also research, rent a bus to travel together, Salolampi very enthused to work with FGG, open to the Finnish community, Diane, Jane, Linda, and John organizing (Mary Lukkarila might be helpful with her northern connection)

Diane – Communications, let her know of any info for website

Sep 10, Nordic Music Fest in Victoria, until 4pm, Laulu Aika; lutefisk will be thrown

Research Day: 2022 Research Day will be online and will follow the same format as last year, with several research-related presentations.

FinnFest 2023 Duluth has not contacted us about genealogy day – July 2023

Voting in new officers – all approved without objection

Current Executive Board Members:

President: Barb Wilson / Vice President: Linda Mell / Past President: Pam Erickson

Secretary: Kathy Adamson, Greg Isola

Treasurer: Carol Schwartzbauer, Jane Daniels

Members at Large (2): 1) John Hanson; 2) Cathie Reasoner

Committee Chairs for 2022-2023

Hospitality: Jeanne Moe / Nominating: **Vacant** / Policies: Diane Pearson is reviewing /

Sunshine: Anne Tormanen, Cathie Reasoner / Library: Sally Dale /

Communications: Diane Pearson / Membership: JanO'Leary

Approved without objection:

The Communications and Membership Chair will join the Executive Board as voting members.

Adjourned 10:03a.m.; Presentation by Ed Ruitberg on his trip to the family farm in Finland

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Adamson and Greg Isola, co-secretaries, 25 Sep 2022