

FINNISH GENEALOGY GROUP MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Via Zoom – 08 Oct. 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Call to order 9:30 a.m.

September meeting minutes approved.

Carol – Financial Report:

Sept. – Deposits: \$420.00; Expenses: \$84.03; Balance \$7162.72

Church rent due in December, cabinets are still there

Joan Newman will give coffee money to Carol. Carol will provide money when supplies are needed

Jan –Membership Report

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

31 Dec. – passwords change on fggmn.org

Linda – Program updates:

October – Barb on latest information on DNA

November (research day) – John Hanson on Salolampi, Mary Lukkarila on Finnish Genealogy FB group, and Ed Ruitberg on Finnish maps

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

February – Pam, Prejudice of Finns in Minnesota, John Swan trial

March – John Hanson Finnish wars (1900s), Barb Wilson (1700s and 1800s)

April – Salolampi? Rent bus?

May – Potential idea: Diane Pearson and others: unique ways of finding ancestors

Diane – Communications:

Putting program topics on website, links to Finnish events. Request to add links on website to Duluth and Cloquet Finnish events. Mary reported that they only post on a Facebook page.

There will be a Genealogy Day at FinnFest 2023 Duluth.

Ismo Leikola is coming to Duluth 13th and St Paul 12th in December. On YouTube too.

Looking into online payment of dues.

Old Business:

FGG Award for previous year, Joan Newman asked to chair again, Jan O’Leary and Barb will help

Email nominations to Joan, looking for someone with broad activities over period of time

Board meeting upcoming on spending money: any members welcome but do not vote

Going back to in person meetings/hybrid including Zoom? Survey of membership needed.

Member announcements:

We have 2 laptops for research

Urho Rahkola – Diane Jarvi, FACA at Danish Center Oct 21

Discussion about issues with hybrid meetings (camera and microphone use)

John Hanson – Salolampi Phonathon donations, work weekends May & Sep, and adult programs, see Salolampi.org

Finnish language courses at ASI (Swedish Institute) and online and at Christ Church Lutheran, S. Mpls.

Adjourn 10:06 a.m., break until 10:15 a.m. before Barb's presentation

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Adamson and Greg Isola, co-secretaries, 19 Oct. 2022