



Minutes from SAFG Annual Membership Meeting 2016

Report by Minna LeVine and Tina Huoso Harmon

Date: Wednesday March 23, 2016

Place: Smith, Gambrell, & Russell, LLP Office

Host: John Saunders

Time: 6:30-9:00PM

In attendance

Jim Dawson
John Saunders
Arja Hanninen
Lori Fulton
Dennis Carlson
Sara Henriksson
Sabina Woldai
Minna LeVine
Kristine Black
Margareta Martin
Marjatta Kangas
Matti Kangas
Tina Huoso Harmon
Hans Ehrnrooth
Ed Kennedy
Gitte Toben
Tuula Becker
Peter Von Feilitzen

1. Introductions

2. Old Business

- Minutes from last Meeting approved
- Treasurers Report provided by Arja Hanninen - money was mainly used for website & Corp fees.
- Balance sheet and P&L statement provided.

3. New Business

- Discussion about creating 'Virtual Scandinavian House'.
- Membership Fee - do we continue to charge a fee? Waive \$25/fee?
- Peter Von Feilitzen - Chair of Membership.
- Sharing membership information with other Scandinavian organizations.
- Website/Social Media - SAFGeorgia.com, will continue to send emails to members.
- Members/ other organizations encouraged to share information through SAFG social media platform.
- Minna LeVine will create/provide a fundraising program/letter for SAFG.
- Grants/scholarships procedure - grant application on the SAFG website.
- Culinary events. Tina Harmon and Kristine Black to co-chair.
- Minna LeVine will schedule TELCONs, as needed, to discuss SAFG issues.

4. Elections

Tina Huoso Harmon - nominated and approved VP Finland

Kristine Black – nominated and approved VP Norway

Ed Kennedy- nominated and approved Treasurer

5. Upcoming Events

May 13, 2016 - One Eared Stag - Swedish Young Professionals Group (under age 40).

May 19, 2016 - FACC/SAFG – Annual Education event at Junior Achievement Atlanta.

June 6/7, 2016 - Swedish "celebration" Magnolia Hall.

September 26-30, 2016 - TransAtlantic Education Leadership Exchange (TELE) study tour to Finland.

November 19, 2016 - SAFG Nobel Peace Prize Gala- Carter Center.