

FAMILY REUNION 2011, RECORD OF THE MEETING

Date: August 6, 2011 at 1 PM – 5 PM, actual meeting 3 PM - 5 PM

Place: Concert house Mikaeli, Martti Talvela Hall, Mikkeli

Present: 174 participants had registered for the meeting

1. Organization of the meeting

Matti Muinonen was elected as the chair person and he called Tauno Muinonen as the recording secretary.

2. Order of business

Topics were discussed in the order they appeared in the invitation to the meeting. Before the meeting we could listen to Matti Muinonen's report on the common beginning of the present family branches and enjoy knowledge and art of two of our relatives, Karri Muinonen and Markus Kaitila, in the form of objects in the space and piano music. Furthermore the organizer of the previous family reunion in Halifax, Heikki Muinonen and the representative of the other large family branch in Canada, Jay Park, brought greetings from the previous meeting.

3. Tokens of honour

Congratulations were directed to all those who had turned round years. They received a gift of two "Saara" mugs.

The recipients were:

90 years of age	Annikki Muinonen
85 years of age	Aino Muinonen
75 years of age	Anja Muinonen, Mauri Muinonen, Risto Muinonen (Espoo)
70 years of age	Matti Muinonen (Muinola), Risto Muinonen (Raisio), Heikki Muinonen, Gunnar Bergquist, Marja-Liisa Elomäki, Tauno Muinonen, Eila Liimatta, Aila Immonen, Terttu Pajunen, Riitta Muinonen, Raili Pöyry, Ulla Kekkonen
60 years of age	Pirkko Suvanta, Hilikka Oikkonen, Leena Pajukari, Martti Muinonen
50 years of age	Pirjo Jacobson, Kirsi Ranin, Karri Muinonen, Juha Muinonen

Since the previous meeting the following persons had died:

Paul Schmid, Pertti Muinonen, Matti Liukkonen.

A moment of silence was held in their honour.

4. Genealogical research and finance

Matti Muinonen proposed genealogical research. There were no comments from the floor. The chairperson wished that new, especially young persons would become interested and would make it known via the internet.

Martti Muinonen from Lappeenranta announced that he would welcome updates to the family tree of the southern family branch.

5. Muinonen web pages

The chairperson invited suggestions about the website content. No suggestions were made about actual content, however, several speakers encouraged the development and keeping the pages up to date.

6. Acceptance of the family pennant

Risto Muinonen introduced the new, blue and white family pennant of the southern family branch and proposed that it be accepted as the new pennant for the entire family. The acceptance was unanimous. A table standard of the same design also exists but is out of print. More can be ordered if there is interest. Making of a family pin has been discussed. It was decided to prepare the matter for discussion and action in the next meeting.

7. Formalization of the family association

A discussion was held about formally registering the family association. It was decided to prepare the matter for decision in the next meeting. The task was assigned to the committee preparing for the 2014 meeting.

8. Next meeting

It was decided to hold the next meeting in the Helsinki region in early August, 2014. The following persons were selected as the committee to prepare for the meeting:

Matti Muinonen

Petri Muinonen

Risto Muinonen

Jukka Muinonen

Raija Muinonen.

Matti Muinonen will call the committee to action.

9. Other

Risto Muinonen thanked Matti Muinonen ja Ulla Seppälä particularly as well as all others who worked to organize and bring about the reunion. The floor applauded heartily.

10. Ending of the meeting

As no further matters were brought for discussion the chairperson ended the meeting at 4:55 PM.

Matti Muinonen
Chairperson

Tauno Muinonen
Secretary

MUINONEN FAMILY GATHERS IN MIKKELI

The Muinonen family association established in the early 1970's came together in Mikkeli on the week-end of Aug 5-7, 2011. The actual meeting was held in Mikaeli with 174 participants from Finland, Canada and several European countries. The main topic of the meeting was the introduction of a genealogical study. The study was mostly conducted by Sirkka and Matti Muinonen and indicates that all Muinonens belong to the same family with roots traceable to Vanhamäki, Mikkeli back to year 1541. It appears the family have lived in Vanhamäki even earlier but it has not been possible to find written evidence for it. Most of the participants also visited Kivisakasti (Stone Sachristy) and the Vanhamäki village as well as Kenkävero (Shoe Tax) restaurant for dinner. The family association decided to meet again in three years in the Helsinki region.
