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COUNCIL OF ESTONIAN SOCIETIES IN AUSTRALIA

AESL Minutes 30.04.2020

Start 6.55pm end 8.05pm

Venue Zoom

Attending – Sirje Jogi; Ingrid Provan, Brigitta Velbri

Minutes taken by Sirje

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1. Accepting previous minutes.
2. Incoming correspondence –
 - Eva Otsing stepping down from AESL committee due to corona virus times difficulties
 - Tiiu Salasoo thanking Lembit Marder and Evelin Erm for AESL work done. Commenting the e news Kristi Barrow sends out, that these could be more in Estonian language
 - Marju Rank Abel (UEKN) re corona virus information, published on AESL Facebook page
 - Raymond Laurens re postponing Eesti Paevad
3. Outgoing correspondence –
 - AESL minutes no 20
 - AESL AGM minutes
4. Published –
 - Sirje re invitation to join e newsletter on AESL Facebook page
 - Sirje re Reaching out at difficult times on AESL Facebook page
 - Sirje re Easter thoughts on AESL Facebook page
 - Sirje re applications for cultural funding from Estonia
5. Treasurer's report
 - 1/ 7/4/2020 Ingrid Provan was added as a signatory to all current AESL CBA bank accounts with internet access to all accounts (Lembit Marder approved changes)
 - 2/ Ingrid to organise addition of Sirje Jõgi as signatory to AESL bank accounts
 - 3/ Festival Funds of \$50K to be invested in Term Dep with CBA
Ingrid to organise
 - 4/ AESL Donations to 30/4/2020 \$350
Membership paid - Brisbane Eesti Selts \$200 Chq rec'd 2/4/2020
6. Discussions
 - AESL executive committee number of members 3. By constitution has to be minimum 7. This has never been the case since in Melbourne 2018, 2019, 2020. The original executive was – Lembit Marder, Ingrid Morrison, Regiina Rohan, Reta Jurgenson, Mari Lindsaar, Sirje Jogi (current). Only one of the original members is left today.

Besides the original members we have had – Ingrid Provan (current); Brigitta Velbri (current); Eva Otsing; Evelin Erm; Bernardette Pilli; Nora Sumberg.

In total we have lost 9 people.

The discussion involved – how do we seek again for new members.

- Sirje has contacted Adelaide sets and AESL rep with no reply if Adelaide will take over AESL from 2021.
- Considering that Eesti Paevad will not go ahead at the end of 2020, suggesting AESL AGM to move to January 2021 rather than being held in December 2020. Please share your thoughts AESL members – do we still want it to be on the long weekend or could it be any Sunday in January? 17th of January? 31st of January?
- The role of AESL reps in cities is questionable. We send out minutes, publish on AESL Facebook page, publish on Eesti.org.au and Estonia.org pages. Would like to hear from AESL reps if AESL information reaches anyone from that point.
Would like to hear from AESL reps if they want to join in the next AESL executive zoom meeting.
- At AGM 2019 the low amount of donations received was brought up. The response was that these days we rely on city newsletters to reach out to their members. AESL executive has no feedback if this happens – please send a copy of city newsletter to aesl@estonia.org.au.

7. Future actions –

- Sirje will write AESL Donations Drive May 2020
- Brigitta will look into web based events for Estonian children
- Ingrid will finalise money matters with Lembit