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COUNCIL OF ESTONIAN SOCIETIES IN AUSTRALIA

AESL MONTHLY MEETING

3.06.2019

At 14 Queens Road Melbourne

6.30pm – 8pm

PRESENT – Lembit Marder, Evelin Erm, Ingrid Proven, Eva Otsing, Sirje Jogi

MEETING No 12

Minutes taken by Sirje Jogi

Reports

1. Lembit Marder made a speech at Sir Arvi Parbo's Memorial Service on 27.5.19
2. New donation \$50.- only for the period since last meeting.
3. Eva Otsing has written second Donations Invitation for the year, the third to be done at the start of August
4. Iivo Tuul asking where are published the names of those who made donations
5. Iivo Tuul asking to add where to send cheques as this is relevant to older generation – rather than account details only
6. Mart Rampe will write a new suggestion for optional structure for AESL+ERC
7. Kooskolas Choir has sent a letter of appreciation for support
8. Juho Looveer sent ERC letter to invite to apply for grants for Estonian activities – Sirje published on AESL and cities FB pages

No treasurer's report due to changing treasurer

Discussions

1. Donations amount very low, only a thousand dollars. It is in organisations' hands to reach their members for donations. First donations invitation was sent out in February, replied by Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, but as there is no Meie Kodu newspaper, hard to reach people. Sirje posted on AESL Facebook page - . Lembit posted on AESL website. Where does Sydney send their information to members, do not know; Melbourne Teateleht forgot to distribute and was later sent by email only, meaning older generation has not received it. Virgats published in May/June only. Hopefully better push can be given with the current, June donations invitation.
2. Since May meeting 5 names of new Estonians have been sent to Raymond Laurens, who have expressed their interest in joining Eesti Paevad 2020 committee. Ray has replied that EP 2020 executive will get the new committee sorted in June, and thanked for AESL support. EP 2020 has now Facebook page and seeks for a person to do website. EP 2020 has now logo, Sirje has published on AESL Facebook page with AESL monthly meeting photo.

3. As per AESL Constitution we should have 7 board members. Our board has not had the luck of stability. Since starting in 2018 we have lost Ingrid Morrison, Regiina Rohan, Nora Sumberg, Reta Jurgenson, Bernardette Pilli. Vice president's position currently vacant. Lembit to approach Raivo Tonisson etc.
4. Previously a mid-year AESL al organisations meeting has been discussed, but there has not been much movement towards its potential. AESL board has been looking for AESL incorporation but this may not be actioned. Lembit has suggested a video conference to discuss plusses and minuses of ways to collaborate with ERC but there have been no interest. Website – has not had lively discussion on that topic. To try publish on AESL AGM booklet clear options to vote and have the future direction finalised in December 2019 AGM.

ACTIONS

1. Evelin to send out to organisations – please pay membership fees
2. Sirje to send out minutes and donation invitation 2.
3. Please find the following links for questions asked about various publishings, copy/paste from here –

Estonia.org.au

Look AESL up here - <https://estonia.org.au/aesl/>

AESL Donations Invitation - <http://estonia.org.au/index.php/en/orgs/aesl/appeal-for-funds>

Names published of donations – <https://estonia.org.au/aesl/donations.php>

AESL/ERC collaboration discussion –

<http://hngtopcrh9dyp71sec.plushcontent.com/categories/7/aeslerc-consolidation>

EP 2020 Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/eestipaevad.melbourne.3>

AESL Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/350280531846890/>

For Donations –

Account details – Commonwealth Bank account 062 233 10062870

Cheques payable to – Council of Estonian Societies of Australia

Send to -

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NEXT MEETING 19.8.2019 when everybody is back from Estonia.

Time 6.30pm, at 14 Queens Road.

