



KRISTUS DĀRZS LATVIAN HOME ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday May 26, 2021
Zoom Conference Call

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Dr. Baiba Zarins (Chair of KD Latvian Home) introduced herself, greeted everyone on behalf of the Board of Directors, and opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Baiba Zarins reminded the Delegates that the Kristus Darzs Latvian Foundation is a separate entity, and the Foundation Annual General Meeting will take place immediately after the conclusion of the Home Meeting. The meetings are unique in that two years' worth of activity is being covered.

Baiba Zarins thanked those involved in organizing and monitoring this zoom conference: Karina Kirss, Valda Berzins, Mareks Nagels, Imants Karklins, Erika Jaunkalns, Imants Hausmanis and Liene Kirss.

Baiba Zarins reviewed the process to be used for voting in this zoom conference.

1. Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was read by Imants Karklins

2. Delegate registration:

Karina Kirss reports there are a total of 63 participants. 32 are registered voting delegates, 13 are guests.

Organizations that have suspended activity: Latvian Press Association, Toronto Latvian Baptist Congregation and Latvian Relief Society in London, ON.

No new organizations have joined.

3. AGM facilitation elections

The Board recommends the following Members to facilitate the AGM today:

Baiba Zariņš	AGM Chair
Andris Smits	AGM Secretary
Imants Hausmanis	Vote scrutineer
Erika Jaunkalns	Vote scrutineer
Liene Kiršs	Vote scrutineer

Resolution to accept the recommendations.

Moved: by Alda Steprans

Seconded: Fritz Kristbergs

Carried

4. Review and approval of AGM agenda

Resolution: To accept the Agenda

Moved: by Fritz Kristbergs

Seconded: Arnis Markitants

Carried

5. Review and approval of previous AGM minutes

No changes to the Minutes were requested.

Resolution: To accept the 2019 Kristus Darzs Latvian Home Annual General Meeting Minutes as published.

Moved: by Andris Kesteris

Seconded: Arnis Markitants

Carried.

6. Business Arising from previous AGM minutes

Baiba Zarins advised no changes to the Long Term Health Care Act. Items pertaining to the re-build will be covered in item 11.

7. Lauma Stikuts retirement.

Baiba Zarins thanked Lauma Stikuts for her 28 years of dedication to Kristus Darzs. Lauma was a “rock of stability” to the residents and staff.

8. Introduce Inese Pogule, KD Executive Director

Baiba Zarins introduced the new Executive Director, Inese Pogule. Inese had already served KD in the role of Quality Lead and Baiba thanked her for her empathetic approach to serving the residents.

Uldis Lote commented it is a big role to fill.

9. Board and sub-committee reports

Chair: Baiba Zarins

Kristus Darzs Latvian Home underwent an unprecedented past year in navigating the challenges related to the global pandemic. It is truly unbelievable that an entire year has already passed. Grasping the magnitude of daily announcements providing directives to enact safety measures addressing physical, structural and emotional support of our residents, staff, administration and families of KDLH residents was at the forefront of all activity. The cancellation of our 2020 AGM, was not an easy decision to make, but we had to quickly prioritize the immediate needs of the Home in terms of ongoing operations, governance and strategic orientation to prioritize safety. The Board of Directors of Kristus Darzs, its management and staff continue to serve our residents and our community with trust, diligence and commitment

despite the surrounding challenges to personal risk, uncertainty and the unknown.

Baiba also read a note of thanks from the Latvian Republic Honorary Counsel for southern Ontario, Karlis Vasarajs.

Building Committee: Chair Aris Pakalns had nothing to add to the Building Committee report included with the AGM material distributed to Delegates.

Fundraising Committee: Valda Berzins noted the next fundraising drive will be announced in the Latvija Amerika newspaper.

Board Development Committee: Chair Baiba Zarins had nothing to add to the Board Development Committee report included with the AGM material distributed to Delegates.

Quality of Care Committee: Chair Inara Ezers had nothing to add to the Quality of Care Committee report included with the AGM material distributed to Delegates.

Baiba Zarins asked if there were any questions on the Committee reports. None were raised.

Resolution: To accept the reports as presented.

Moved: by Fritz Kristbergs

Seconded: Alda Steprans

Carried

10. Executive Director and Medical Director reports.

Inese Pogule provided a brief synopsis of her report. She noted Dr. Niedra is leaving at the end of this month and they are still seeking a physician to replace Dr. Niedra's case load.

The medical director's report is available on the website.

Resolution: To accept the report of the Executive Director and Medical Director as presented.

Moved: by Kristine Smith

Seconded: Auseklis Zakis

Carried

11. Rebuild update

Valda Berzins provided a brief summary of the current status of rebuild plans.

12. Finance and Auditor's report/presentation

Liene Kirss introduced our Auditor, Glenn Dennis.

Glenn presented the Auditors report and provided a brief overview of the Audited Financial Statements included with the AGM materials provided to all Delegates.

He advised that the reports are prepared by the Home and audited by him. Glenn highlighted key points on the Statement of Financial Position.

Glenn Dennis invited questions from the Delegates. None were raised.

13. Supervisory Committee report

Imants Karklins noted though there was a delay in receiving the Auditor's report, it is both proper and concise.

Imants also thanked Inta Purvs who will be retiring from the Supervisory Committee, as well as Andris Smits, who will be moving into the capacity of Board Member.

Resolution: to accept the Supervisory Committee Report

Moved: by Andris Kesteris

Seconded: Fritz Kristbergs

Carried

14. Approval of Auditor's report

No questions were raised.

Resolution: The Financial Reports for both 2019 and 2020, as presented, to be accepted.

Moved: by Fritz Kristbergs

Seconded: Liene Kirss

Carried

15. Appointment of auditor

Resolution: The KDLH AGM authorize the Home Board to select the external auditors for the Kristus Darzs Latvian Home for 2021, and to pay fair remuneration for the services rendered.

Moved: by Baiba Zarins

Seconded: Kristine Smith

Carried

At this time, a 33rd voting delegate joined the meeting.

16. Tribute to Inta Purvs retirement from the Board

Baiba Zarins thanked Inta Purvs for her volunteer work at KD over many years, highlighting the numerous roles Inta had assumed.

17. Election of new Board and Supervisory Committee members

Baiba Zarins noted in 2020 the Board appointed the following Board Members:

Erika Jaunkalns – 3 year term

Karina Kirss – 3 year term

Motion: to approve the appointment of these two Members

Moved: by Andris Kesteris

Seconded: Fritz Kristbergs

Carried

Baiba Zarins acknowledged Kristine Smith who leaving the KDLH Board as the Kinstlers family representative. She introduced Ara Good as the Kinstlers family representative. Her resume is included in the Nominations Committee report.

The Kristus Darzs Board has mandated this committee to find and nominate qualified candidates to the KDLH Board of Directors and the Supervisory Committee. This year we have five vacancies within the KDLH Board of Directors and two within the Supervisory committee, one with a two-year term and one with a three year term of office.

The Nominations Committee recommends:

Imants Hausmanis – 3 year term

Andris Smits – 3 year term

Jesika Steprans – 3 year term

Ligita Welsh – 3 year term

There are no other candidates (one 3 year term vacancy still exists).

Motion: to elect the recommended candidates

Moved: by Uldis Lote

Seconded: Ansis Laucis

Carried

The Nominations Committee recommends the following candidates to the Supervisory Committee:

Rev. Fritz Kristbergs – 3 year term

Baiba Zarins – 2 year term

There are no further nominations.

Motion: to close the nominations

Moved: by Andris Kesteris

Seconded: Arnis Markitants

Carried

18. Further Business / Q & A

Baiba Zarins asked the Delegates if there were any questions or comments.

Auseklis Zakis inquired if there could be expanded KD contact information available to delegates.

Rev. Ilze Kuplens-Ewart noted she is involved in a pilot project providing support to family and caregivers of residents.

Atis Bredovskis expressed concern that changing regulations within the Ministry of Health may necessitate revamping the vision for a re-build.

Uldis Lote commented that in the early 2000's there was a long wait list of Latvians. He is wondering if that's still the case, and are we a Latvian home?

Inese Pogule responded to the questions. Regarding contact information, it is available on the website. Regarding redevelopment, any changes brought by the Ministry will be reviewed and dealt with. As for the percentage of Latvian residents, it is a figure that will change from year to year.

No additional questions raised.

19. Meeting Adjournment

Resolution: That the Annual General Meeting be closed.

Moved: by Arnis Markitants

Seconded: Uldis Lote

Carried

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 8.42 p.m.

The Kristus Darzs Latvian Foundation Annual General Meeting to commence after a five minute break.

Baiba Zarins
Chair

Andris Smits
Secretary