



KRISTUS DĀRZS LATVIAN HOME ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday May 24, 2023 - Zoom Conference Call

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

Karina reviewed general housekeeping items as well as the process for voting in this zoom conference.

1. Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was read by Imants Karklins

2. Delegate registration:

Liene Kirss and Jesika Steprans report there are a total of 38 participants. 27 are registered voting delegates, 23 organizations are represented.

No new organizations have joined, no organizations have ceased activity since the last AGM.

3. AGM facilitation elections

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

AGM Chair

Motion by Andris Smits that Karina Kirss be chair

Seconded by Auseklis Zakis.

Carried

AGM Secretary

Motion by Karina Kirss that Andris Smits be secretary

Seconded by Arnis Markitants

Carried

Vote scrutineers

Motion by Ligita Welsh that Liene Kirss and Jesika Steprans act as voting scrutineers

Seconded by Baiba Zarins

Carried

4. Review and approval of AGM agenda

Resolution: To accept the Agenda

Moved: by Auseklis Zakis

Seconded: Baiba Zarins

Carried

5. Review and approval of previous AGM minutes

No changes to the Minutes were requested.

Resolution: To accept the 2022 Kristus Darzs Latvian Home Annual General Meeting Minutes as published.

Moved: by Baiba Zarins

Seconded: Ligita Welsh

Carried.

6. Business Arising from previous AGM minutes

Karina Kirss noted there are vacancies for the Board of Directors. Recruiting new Board members has been very challenging. There are presently 6 vacancies and in 2024, 5 current Board members will have their terms ending.

Imants Karklins raised the point the Board can vote in new members now and not need to wait until the next AGM.

Regarding the Ministry's new not-for-profit Act: Eriks Eglite explained future work by the Home Board and the Foundation Board must be in compliance with the Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act by 2024.

It would be prudent to review the documents originally drafted when the Home and Foundation Boards came to be, focusing on the constitution and procedural framework.

Auseklis Zakis commented the new not-for-profit Act affects all Latvian organizations. He suggested resources could be pooled together to help defray the costs involved to complete such a task.

7. Board and sub-committee reports

Karina Kirss reviewed the Board's priorities for 2023/2024:

- (a) Building maintenance and infrastructure (earmarking donations for specific items)
- (b) Resident quality of care and quality of living
- (c) Staff education and support
- (d) Redevelopment – the issue is funding must be there first, before we can proceed

KD resident Arvids Paeglis asked about the status of renewing the Home's license or are we closing the Home. Have we asked to extend the license? Mr. Paeglis also is concerned the Home's Latvian population is steadily declining. Karina Kirss explained extending the license is not an option. However, it is very unlikely the Home will close due to the province-wide need for long term care beds.

Valda Berzins commented the three years of COVID put long term care matters on the backburner. Arnis Markitants commented all indicators are that we are not closing.

Karina Kirss noted the decline in Latvian residents stems from the More Beds, Better Care Act of 2022, which greatly limits what KD can do. All ethnic homes are down to about 50-60 percent of their ethnicity, due to Bill 7 that the Ministry introduced in 2022.

Inese Pogule noted KD is currently 51% Latvian.

Sandra Kursis wondered if KD could work more with a conservative MPP to address this matter, as they are the party presently in power. Karina Kirss assured delegates the local liberal MPP can help guide KD in addressing these concerns.

Arnis Markitants suggested getting other Latvian organizations involved to address community support, and in that way, get more MPP's involved. Imants Karklins further added every individual can contact their local MPP to get our voice heard.

Karina Kirss referred to the reports posted on the KD website and invited any questions from the delegates. There were no questions.

Resolution: To accept the reports as presented.

Moved: by Baiba Zarins
Seconded: Sandra Kursis
Carried

8. Executive Director and Medical Director reports.

Inese Pogule highlighted two items from her report.

The Mission Statement was re-written as the Ministry directed all resident cultural needs must be met, hence the wording needed to reflect that.

While the building is getting older and regular maintenance costs keep rising, the Home's responsibility is still to the current residents and their quality of life. Monies can't be flipped between different funding envelopes, and that creates ongoing challenges.

Inese thanked the residents' families for their support and thanked the Board members from both Boards for their efforts to keep KD operating smoothly.

Inese invited questions from the delegates. There were no questions.

Karina Kirss noted medical director's report is available on the website. Karina invited questions from delegates. There were no questions

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

Moved: by Baiba Zarins
Seconded: Sandra Kursis
Carried

9. Finance and Auditor's report/presentation

Karina 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, Statement of Operations and Statement of Net Assets.

Glenn Dennis invited questions from the Delegates. None were raised. Glenn did advise delegates he may not be able to provide the service in the coming year.

10. Supervisory Committee report

Imants Karklins stated the auditor's report has been reviewed and it is found to be proper and concise.

Imants also noted Baiba Zarins will be retiring from the Board after 16 years of service, and wished her all the best for the future.

Resolution: to accept the Supervisory Committee Report

Moved: by Arnis Markitants
Seconded: Auseklis Zakis
Carried

11. Approval of Auditor's report

Resolution: The Financial Report for 2022, as presented, to be accepted.

Moved: by Sandra Kursis
Seconded: Baiba Zarins
Carried

12. Appointment of auditor for 2023

Resolution: The KDLH AGM authorize the Home Board to select the external auditors for the Kristus Darzs Latvian Home for 2023, and to pay fair remuneration for the services rendered.

Moved: by Arnis Markitants
Seconded: Sandra Kursis
Carried

13. Election of new Board and Supervisory Committee members

The Nominations Committee recommends the following candidate to the Board:

Alda Hans – 3 year term (new)

There are no other candidates

Motion: to elect the recommended candidate

Moved: by Arnis Markitants
Seconded: Liene Kirss
Carried

There are no nominees for the Supervisory Committee.

14. Further Business / Q & A

Karina Kirss asked the Delegates if there were any questions or comments.
No additional questions raised.

15. Meeting Adjournment

Resolution: That the Annual General Meeting be closed.

Moved: by Arnis Markitants
Seconded: Baiba Zarins
Carried

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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

Karina Kirss
Chair

Andris Smits
Secretary