

Australian Lithuanian Community Federal Executive

~ MINUTES OF MEETING 13: 3 August 2008 ~

PRESENT: Andrius Vaitiekunas, Birute Prasmutaite, Dennis Gaylard, and Vytautas Krivickas.

Birute assumed the chair and opened the meeting at 12.45 PM.

AGENDA:

- Distributed by Birute and adopted with some additions.

APOLOGIES:

- Edvina Utemiseva and Lilija Kozlovskiene and Loreta Cizauskaite-Tigani.

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PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Draft minutes of Meeting 11, 20 April 2008, as distributed by Dennis were adopted with (moved Dennis, seconded Andrius).
- Draft minutes of Meeting 12, 29 June 2008, as distributed by Vytauras were adopted with minor amendment (moved Vytautas, seconded Birute).

BUSINESS ARISING:

- From Meeting 11:
 - Birute has placed media notices about the Art and Culture Register.
 - Vytautas has noted need to put flag designs on website when received.
 - Dennis has written to Chair of the Baltic States Parliamentary Group.
- From Meeting 12:
 - Andrius has received solidarity payment (\$345) from Melbourne.
 - Birute advised that the Sydney Committee is going to hold a meeting to discuss their capacity to form the next Federal Executive.
- Further business arising was referred to respective Reports and General Business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- As per emails and discussions above.
- Articles and notices prepared and sent to MP and TA.
- Birute forwarded a questionnaire from TMID about local information archives to Adelaide.
- Andrius wrote to Fondas thanking them for supporting the Executive trip to LT.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Andrius reported that both accounts remain in positive balance.
 - Noted that a significant number of expenses are likely to be incurred in the lead up to Federal Council in Sydney.

CULTURE REPORT:

- 1,000 Year commemoration activities are underway:
 - Tomas Vaisietu to tour in March-April 2009:
 - Concerts planned for Adelaide, Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney.
 - Funding application made to TMID for international airfares.
 - Need to apply to Fondas for local airfares.
 - KV to cover food and accommodation where local communities can't.

- Approach Talka to subsidise the cost of making a DVD of performance.
 - Travel insurance/health insurance?
 - Visa type – not for profit cultural/performance?
- Andrius Mamontovas has agreed to tour in September-October 2009:
 - Subject to TMID/other funding being available.
- Flag design competition:
 - Closing date for entries is 15 August.
 - Eight entries received, three more understood to be coming.
 - All entries to be put on website for 'popular vote'.
 - Decision to be made by special committee convened by Lilija.
- PLB Exposition:

Birute to follow-up in LT.
- Siluvos Marija:
 - Commemoration of 400th anniversary of appearance of Mary.
 - Celebration is acknowledged as significant by PLB.
 - Refer to Catholic Federation for celebration by parishes.

WEBSITE REPORT:

- Vytautas advised that the website has been updated to include street maps for each of the community houses/meeting locations.

Vytautas to prepare article about website for Pasaulio Lietuvis.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Presidents' Meeting:
 - Noted that it was a successful meeting with the concept well supported by those that attended.
 - Noted with thanks that Birute, Andrius, Dennis, Loreta and Lilija chaired different sessions.
 - Dennis has prepared notes of the first day's discussions.

Edvina to finalise notes of second day's discussions and forward to Dennis.

Dennis to prepare notes and forward to Vytautas for publication on website.
- Teacher Project:
 - Approved to go ahead in September 2008 in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.
 - Will require a written report of activities and observations for TMID.
 - Local parents to provide assistance to teacher and lunches for attendees.

Andrius to apply to Fondas for financial support for Adelaide and Sydney airfares.
- National Conference:
 - Notices about conference sent to MP and TA.
 - Provisionally scheduled for mornings of 29, 30 and 31 December.
 - To include presentation of 'Life Membership' and 'Community Appreciation Awards' to community members who have made outstanding contributions over extended periods.

Committee members to seek nominations for life membership and appreciation awards.

NEXT MEETING:

- 12.00 PM, 4 October at the Lithuanian Club, North Melbourne.