**Minutes of the Societas Birgitta Europas General assembly 2017**

Place: Vadstena Folkhögskola, Vadstena, Sweden

Date: 11 sept, 2017

Time: 20.00

Attandees: Margareta von Reis (The sisters of Vadstena), Gerhard Gerstenhöfer (Individual member, VHS, Pferrei Altomünster, Gemeinde Altomünster), Elisabeth Knox-Seith (Maribo, Diocese of Lolland-Falster), Markus Lindberg (Birgittastiftelsen), Marc van den Brand (The sisters of Uden), Karin Alzinger (Individual member, Museums- und Heimatverein Altomünster), Torbjörn Ahlund (Vadstena parish), Maria Waxegård (Birgittastiftelsen), Freek van Genugten (Museum voor Religiuze Kunst), Els van den Brand (The sisters of Uden), Larissa Dommelen (Museum voor Religiuze Kunst), Els Backx-van Aken (Museum voor Religiuze Kunst), Sr Monica-Clara (The sisters of Vadstena)

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The president Marc van den Brand declared the meeting opened and welcomed every one. Absent members Dorry Derhaag-Doomernik, Birthe Friis, Dietmar Kisters, Ulla Sander-Ohlsen, hanne and Jens Söndergaars and Sandra Frauenknecht have sent greetings.

2. Election of chairman and secretary for the meeting and two vote counters

The general assembly elected Marc van den Brand as Chairman of the assembly, Markus Lindberg as secretary and Els Backx-van Aken and Sr Monica-Clara as vote counters.

3. The announcement of the General assembly according to the statues

The announcement had been done according to the statues.

4. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

5. Approval of minutes from the General assembly 2016

The minutes from the general assembly in Maribo in 2016 was approved.

6. Report of the Presidents

The President read the report for the year.

The annual meeting where held in Maribo. Gerhard Gerstenhöfer has worked with a new website, thanks to him. During the year the monastery of Altomünster was closed.

7. Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer read the report. The year started with assets of €1001:- + €89. During the year the society had an income of €1636:- + 239:- and costs of: €58:73. Resulting in assets of €2578:83 + €239. The full report is attached.

8. Report of the Auditor

The report from the auditor was read. It pledged for discharge of the board.

9. Discharge of the Board

The Board was granted formal discharge and approval for its management and accounting.

10. Next year’s membership fee

Next year’s fee is €100:- for organisations and €25:- for individual members.

11. Election

 - President

Marc van den Brand

 - Vice President

Birthe Friis

 - Treasurer

Karin Alzinger

 -Secretary

Markus Lindberg

 -Auditor

Dietmar Kirsters

12. Proposal of changing the statues

Proposal from Karin Altzinger that the meeting should be every second year instead of annual.

The change in statues was unanimously approved.

13. Proposals

Gerhard Gerstenhöfer suggested a Baltic trip for next year and will come with a suggestion during the autumn.

14. Next general assembly

The general assembly decided that next general assembly will be held in Uden, in 2019.

15. Others

Gerhard ask for material for the website.

Discussion about the little stone Birgitta on pilgrimstour. She is now in Maribo. Maribo and Uden will discuss a transfer.

16. Closing of the meeting

The President closed the general assembly and thanked the attendees.