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Minutes of the general meeting in Essen

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1. Introduction.

Pooja Merchant (PM) opens the meeting and welcomes everyone in Essen. She thanks the organizers, in particular alum Luger Dohm and Rüdiger König and their wives Dagmar and Lien as well as Julie Pape (JP) from Ihouse, NY.

After an overview of the agenda for the annual meeting, PM describes the highlights from 2019.

2. Previous events of the year

-In February, members came together in Berlin to honor the visit of Alice Lewthwaite, the great granddaughter of Harry Edmonds (founder of International House), who was recreating his world tour by visiting 18 countries. It was a great occasion for us to come together and “pass the light” just like Harry had done. Alumni Katrin Schomaker helped to organise the event.

-In June 2019, Karin Zinkann, her husband Peter and their son and Co-CEO of Miele Reinhard Zinkann hosted a beautiful and memorable event in Guetersloh.

-In November 2018, various I-House days were organized throughout Germany. I-house days took place in Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg and Stuttgart, all which were well attended.

3. Report of the treasurer

Martin Schneider (MS) is ill and not present. AG reads a report written by MS, which gives an overview of the financial situation: Freunde received € 7,640 in donations in 2018. In the current year we are at about 4,000 € and hope for more donations during the Christmas season. There were few high to very high donations but most donations are around 50 € each. Most donations are also membership fees. Many thanks to all donors!

In 2018 there was the pan-European meeting in Edinburgh, organized by the UK alumni organization of Ihouse. Therefore, there were no revenues and no expenses for Freunde related to the annual. Last year, 10,000 € and this year 7,500€ were transferred to IHouse for Scholarships.

It is very pleasing that the German tax office has confirmed our charitable status for another three years. The exemption notice for corporation tax and trade tax confirmed that we are exempt from taxes. Thus, we can continue to issue donation certificates.

4. Report of the Wirtschaftsprüfer

The examination of the books was done by Christian Trillhaas. He is present and confirms that there are no complaints and the books are in order

5. Discharge of the Management Board

KM asks that the current board be dismissed. All voting members vote for the discharge of the board.

6. Election of the Board

No new board was elected.

7. Allocation of Scholarships

AG gives an overview of the candidates and the previous discussions and recommendations. The members discuss the allocation of Scholarships. The allocation of EUR 7,500 donation amount is decided by the majority of the voting members as follows:

- OBINNA UMEH EUR 3,500
- CARLOS ANDRES MOLINA CERVERA EUR 2,000
- provision of EUR 2,000

It is decided not to allocate the full donation amount to applicants in order to be able to allocate a higher amount next year, assuming an improved informational situation.

8. Upcoming activities

I-House Day Berlin: Thursday, November 5, 2019.

I-House Day London: Friday, November 16, 2019.

I-House Day Cologne: Friday, November 16, 2019.

I-House Day Hamburg: Friday, November 16, 2019.

I-House Day Frankfurt: Saturday, November 23, 2019.

I-House Day Stuttgart: Friday, November 29, 2019.

Finally, the annual meeting of the next year is discussed. Several possibilities are under consideration, i.e. Budapest and Warsaw. No decision is made at the meeting. However, sometime after the meeting, it was decided that next meeting will take place in **Amsterdam from September 11-13 2020. Please save the date!**



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(President)



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