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Minutes of the general meeting (online)

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1. Introduction.

Pooja Merchant (PM) opens the meeting and welcomes the attendees.

After an overview of the agenda for the annual meeting, without any change requests, PM describes the events of the year so far.

2. Previous events of the year

Due to Covid-19, the General Assembly cannot take place in person as planned. The members' meeting is therefore held online.

Normally, as in the physical meeting, the event on the zoom platform includes break-out sessions and musical performances. This year, the cultural part was taken in an earlier session on September 19th, 2021. About 80 alumni from across the globe attended. This meeting on October 31st 2021 is the annual general meeting.

The new president of I-House, Sebastian Fries, introduces himself and gives an overview of the stand of the I-House, especially during Covid-19. In total 438 new residents are now in the house. Key challenge is the fact that all are new and the I-House spirit needs to be revived as there is limited carry over from the previous generations. A new sustainability program has been introduced but more needs to happen. To achieve that a new VP has been hired and will start in 2 weeks. Aday Hailu is introduced as a consultant in programs.

3. Allocation of Scholarships

Martin Schneider (MS) informs members about the procedure to select eligible candidates via a member committee that reviews applications and decided on the allocation. All members can participate. This year, members included Arne Grob, Ludger Dohm, Frauke Thieleke and Martin Schneider. Further, the pre-selection from I-House this year included 2 Freunde specific questions. Based on the careful review of all applications received, in total, one Mexican applicant and two Germans applicants were allocated funds. In total, EUR 10,000 was allocated. Alberto Castaneda Vidal received USD 4,000 with a financial need of USD 13,000, Jasper Klemens Andree received USD 4,000 with a financial need of USD 14,000. Johannes Wahl received USD 2,000 with a financial need of USD 1,500 due to his strong application.

4. Report of the treasurer

MS gives an overview of the financial situation. In 2020, approx. € 20,750 was donated and received in membership fees and the median donation was € 50. There were three

exceptionally high donations. In 2020, Freunde received a generous donation from Miele & Cie. that donated € 13,500 (approximately 15,000 US dollars). Other larger donations were received from Klaus Mössle and Götz Mäuser. A special thanks to all donors.

In 2020, Freunde did not transfer money to International House as there were no residents, there were no scholarships offered and the house was not occupied down due to Covid-19.

In 2020, same as today, no onsite European meeting took place in person. In 2020, Amsterdam was planned and had to be cancelled. As a result, no expenses but also no income from these events were received.

In 2021, Freunde transferred USD 25,000 to International House and Freunde granted scholarship worth USD 10,000. Freunde now has a credit of USD 23,000 left as Freunde already had some money deposited with I-House previously. Freunde has approx. € 5,600 in the bank account as of today.

It is also noted that Rasul Shariff offers a matching grant offered of up to € 10,000 related to Freunde or that I-House receives on behalf of Freunde. So far only € 75 were received. More donations are much appreciated.

Freunde has currently 61 members.

5. Report of the Auditor

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.

6. Discharge of the Management Board

Klaus Moessle asks that the current board to be discharged. All voting members vote for the discharge of the board.

7. Election of the Board

The current board announced that in the election next year they will not stand for re-election in its full form. Pooja Merchant noted that she will not be available for re-election but will cover a hand over period of 6 months. There will be an election of a new board in the next annual general meeting.

8. Upcoming activities

Due to the current Corona situation, no further activities were planned at this time.

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Pooja Merchant
(President)

Arne Grob
(Vice President)

Martin Schneider
(Treasurer)