

THE SWISS CHURCH IN LONDON

Annual General Meeting 2024

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Church in London whose registered office is at the Swiss Church, 79 Endell Street, London WC2, took place on Sunday 29 September 2024 at 12:30 at the Swiss Church.

MINUTES

Chairman: Daniel Everett, President of the Consistoire

Members attending:

- Manuel Zimmermann Grey – Minister (no voting)
- Daniel Everett - President
- Colin McIntyre
- Yvon Tse
- Cecile Mistry, Consistoire member, Catering
- Philip Maillardet, Consistoire member, Archives
- Margrit Lyster
- Rosemarie Breitenstein
- Fernande Kunz
- Yolande Birch
- Silvia Greenfield
- Philip Vasey
- Michel Armstrong
- Erika Tan
- Yvonne Camille
- Alice Rogers
- Rudi Stassen

Apologies from Heidi Nolan, Geoff and Marianne Fisher, Niccolo Aliano

Proxy Forms Received from: Heidi Nolan and Niccolo Aliano

1. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence has been received from: Heidi Nolan, Geoff and Marianne Fisher, Niccolo Aliano.

I would like to officially open the Meeting by formally welcoming and thanking all of you for attending the 2024 AGM of the Swiss Church in London.

Apologies for the delayed date of the AGM.

Want to thank Yvon and Rudi for assistance in preparing for the AGM. Rudi, our external accountant will be taking the minutes.

Introduce the new minister.

Minister's Address.

It is a honour to be here and want to outline how he got here. Looking forward to the challenge and looking to forward to getting to know everyone.

Prayer

2. Minutes of the AGM held in 2023

The chairman invited the members to adopt the Minutes of the AGM held on 20 June 2021.

Proposer: Cecile Mistry

Seconded: Fernande Kunz

In favour: 17 Against: None Abstentions: None

3. ANNUAL REPORT

The Consistoire asked the members to receive and approve the Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Chairman invited any questions to be raised before voting on the Report.

The report was distributed in May and the financial statements was circulated on the website on the 9th of September.

Proposer: Cecile Mistry

Seconded: Fernande Kunz

In favour: 17 Against: None Abstentions: None

Question from Rosmary relating to page 7 of the annual report – highlighting that the Swiss Mother's group meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month, except in August.

4. ELECTIONS AND RESIGNATIONS OF CONSISTOIRE MEMBERS

Error acknowledged – 2 trustees to be elected.

4.1 Resignations:

Mr. Niccolò Aliano
Mr. Philip Maillardet

4.2 Elections

Mr. Daniel Everett
Mrs. Lindsey Wiercioch

4.3 Re-elections

Mr. Niccolò Aliano
Mr. Philip Maillardet

Proposer: Erika Tan

Seconded: Fernande Kunz

In favour: 17 Against: None Abstentions: None

5.REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS

Introduce Rudi from Inside Accounting, who has taken over from Moracle in December 2023 as external auditors and accountants.

Accept the resolution of change in December. There was approval from the Consistoire in December 2023

Proposer: Colin McIntyre

Seconded: Cecile Mistry

In favour: 17 Against: None Abstentions: None

6. Any other Business

- Rosmarie asked for clarification of the current members of the Consistoire are.
As of the 29th of September 2024 there are the minimum number:
Daniel, Cecile and Phillip
- Question from Colin around Fundraising and what is the latest. Daniel to give a forward looking statement.

- Go back to the overview of the annual report. Income increased thanks to hiring out the Venue. Slight increase in deficit as expenses rose. This year the deficit is expected to increase as income has dropped. Tracking at around £110k year to date.
- Daniel's forward looking statement to cover two elements
 - Trustees
 - Only 3 Trustees as it stands so actively recruiting for key roles
 - 4 candidates to consider for next meeting
 - Actively looking for Trustees so that the Consistoire can carry out its role effectively.
 - Fundraising
 - Caroline has been hired for 2-4 days a month to support efforts over the next 18 months
 - Focus on Spiritual and Financial sustainability

Consistoire has clear understanding of responsibility of being a Church and community responsibilities as well as being sustainable and managing a venue.

Short term measures and expenses eg gates at front.

Daniel Officially declared the Annual General meeting closed.

Follow was general discussions on various Topics

SBF involvement

Trip to Bern for the Synod

Memberships

Thanks given by Philip to Daniel and Manuel

Thanks to the Embassy and the Observers