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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
VRYBURG HEBREW CONGREGATION HELD AT THE
INTERNATIONAL HOTEL ON 26TH NOVEMBER 1962:

The Chairman welcomed all present, and the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read and adopted. Proposed S. Lieberthal seconded Mrs Z. Katz.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman Mr. J. Katz, then tabled his report. He mentioned that the chance of obtaining the services of a Minister, was remote, but we were lucky in having Mr. Chien to attend to the needs of the Hebrew School which had received a very favourable report from the Hebrew School Inspector Mr. Klawnsky. He thanked Mr. Chien, Mr. Allen, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Shapiro for assisting in the High Festival services. He voiced especial thanks to the Ladies Circle for their good work during the year. He stressed that the men were occupied during the day and the Community relied a lot on the assistance of the ladies. He traced the progress of the Congregation over the past year and stressed that eventhough our expenses had been heavy, the situation was well in hand and that we have been able to meet all our commitments. He appealed to the Ladies Circle to carry on the good work and co-operation for the good of the Community. He ended ~~that~~ with a special vote of thanks to Mr. Allen, Mr. Shapiro, Mr. Hummel and Committee members for their assistance during the year and also to Mervyn, our Shamus. The Chairman's report was adopted. Proposed C. Taube; seconded M. Allen.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer tabled his report and stressed that maintenance and repairs had ~~pushed up~~ pushed up expenses considerably. He called for more money through more effort.

The Treasurer's report was adopted. Proposed S. Lieberthal; seconded Mr. Chien.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Hoek, Wiehann & Cross, the Hon. Auditors.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Chairman:	Mr. Jack Katz.
Vice Chairman:	Mr. M. Allen.
Secretary	Mr. M. Shapiro
Treasurer:	Mr. J. Hummel
Committee Members:	M. Cohen
	E. Leibowitz
	H. Scheckter
	M. Brodovsky
Chairlady of the Ladies Society.	
Shamus:	Leslie Taube.

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VRYBURG HEBREW CONGREGATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the International Hotel on Sunday the 10th November, 1963 at 8 pm.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 26th November 1962 were read and adopted. Proposed by Mr. Allen Seconded by Mr. W. Lieberthal.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman Mr. J. Katz then gave his report.

He stated that the likelihood of obtaining the services of a Minister was very remote, but that we were lucky in having Mr. Chien to look after the welfare of our youth. He congratulated Mr Chien for his endeavours.

He thanked Messrs. M. Allen, E. Chien. M. Cohen and M. Shapiro for assisting over the High Festival services.

He thanked the ladies for their efforts and asked them not to relax with their good work which assisted us so well from the financial aspect.

He thanked the outgoing Committee for their co-operation.

He expressed appreciation to the Hon. Auditors Hoek, Wiehann & Cross.

He also thanked our Shamus Leslie Taube for doing his duty so efficiently.

He concluded by expressing the hope that the coming year would even be more successful than the past.

The adoption of the Chairmans report was moved by Mr. P. Leibowitz, seconded by Mr. W. Lieberthal, and accepted unanimously.

No TREASURERS REPORT was submitted, but the auditors Balance Sheet was tabled and adopted. Proposed Mrs. S. Friedman: Seconded Mr. J. Joffe.

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ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

CHAIRMAN: Mr. J. Katz
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr. M. Allen
SECRETARY: Mrs. Z. Katz.
TREASURER: Mr. H. Scheckter

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Messrs M. Cohen
W. Leiberthal
P. Leibowitz
M. Brodevcky.

plus Chairlady of the Ladies Society.

SHAMUSS: Leslie Taube.

GENERAL: The query was raised of the Ladies Society Bazaar donation. It was decided to take this matter up with the outgoing Treasurer, Mr. H. Hummell.

Mr. H. Joffe brought up the lack of cultural activities.
Mr. Cohen suggested that we asked Mr. Chien to carry on as cultural convener.

Mr. H. Joffe suggested that donations for aliyahs etc. be re-instated.

The Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

J. Katz
24/10/64.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

25-10-1964.

VRYBURG HEBREW CONGREGATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the SIMON LIEBERTHAL Hall on Sunday the 25th October, 1964 at 8 p.m.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 10th November, 1963 were read and adopted. Proposed by Mike Shapiro Seconded by P. Liebowitz.

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

The Chairman Mr. J. Katz then gave his report.

He stated that during the year under review your Committee has done everything that it possibly can in the interest of the Vryburg Hebrew Congregation. He also stated that the teachers salary was increased and repairs to the synagogue and house involved the Congregation in additional unavoidable expense.

He thanked the ladies Society for their support and begged them to carry on with their good work. He stated how fortunate it was to obtain the bequests from the late Jos Smollan and he also understands that there is a similar bequest from the late Mr. Freedman. The Chairman stated that there was difficulty in obtaining the R10,000 from the estate of the late Mr. Jos Smollan but that every endeavour was being made to try and obtain same. The Chairman expressed regret at the loss of two members namely Mr. C. Taube and Mr. J. Hummel and extended sympathy to their bereaved. He also welcomed new members, the Gittelsohn's and the Gordons.

The Chairman mentioned that he had received wonderful support from the Treasurer, Mr. H. Schecktor and thanked him for the most capable manner in which he performed his duties. He also expressed thanks to our Shamus Mr. Leslie Taube who carried out his duties most conscientiously. The Chairman also thanked Mr. Max Cohen, Mr. E. Chien, Mr. Mike Shapiro and Mr. Allen for assisting so ably over the high festival services. Our Chairman expressed thanks to the Hebrew school teacher, Mr. Chien for excellent results obtained with the children and for assisting with services on Friday nights.

Our Chairman wished to thank Messrs. Hoek, Viehann and Cross for auditing our books gratis and requested a letter of thanks to be written to them accordingly.

Finally our chairman wished to thank the Congregation for the support given during the year under review and expressed the wish that

they would continue to give their support in the future to ensure the continuity of the good work and welfare of the Congregation.

The Chairmans report was unanimously adopted.

PARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

It was decided that the Incoming Committee should establish at what figure the hall and the house were insured for and to see that they were insured for a higher figure that R11,036.35 as shown on the balance sheet.

TREASURERS REPORT.

The Treasurer, Mr. H. Schecktor stated that his balance sheet and financial statement was clear, and invited any questions. His balance sheet and report were accepted as correct and in good order.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.

Chairman : Mr. J. Katz.
 (Proposed ~~unanimously~~ ^{M. Cohen} and seconded ~~unanimously~~ ^{P. Leibowitz}).
 Vice-Chairman : Mr. M. Shapiro.
 (Proposed M. Cohen, Seconded L. Cohen).
 Treasurer : H. Schecktor. (Unanimous).
 Secretary : Z. Katz. (Proposed L. Cohen, seconded L. Joffe).
 Committee Members : P. Leibowitz (Proposed by L. Cohen and seconded by S. Lieberthal).
 E. Wlodavar (Proposed by P. Leibowitz seconded by H. Secktor).
 L. Cohen (Proposed by W. Lieberthal and seconded R. Muskat).
 G. Gittelson (Proposed by S. Lieberthal and seconded by H. Schecktor).

The Chairlady of the Ladies Society.

Shamus. Mr. Leslie Taube.

General.

Revision of Subscriptions. Mr. Max Brodovsky proposed that the following subscriptions be inforced with immediate effect -

Married couples : (without children attending Hebrew School)

R8.40 per month.

Married Couples (with children attending Hebrew School classes -

R9.00, per month.

Single - R5.00 per month.

Country members - R5.00 per month.

Mr. M. Shapiro seconded Mr. Brodovsky's proposal and it was carried unanimously.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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VRYBURG HEBREW CONGREGATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the SIMON LIEBERTHAL HALL on TUESDAY the 2nd November, 1965 at 8 p.m.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 25th October, 1964 were read and adopted. Proposed by M. Cohen Seconded by S. Lieberthal.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The Chairman Mr. J. Katz then gave his report.

He stated that during the year under review your committee had again done everything that it possibly could do in the interest of the Vryburg Hebrew Congregation. He also stated that we were still without a Minister and the likelihood of obtaining the services of one does not seem probable and that we were very fortunate to have in our community members who were able to conduct services and thanked all those members who came forward to render assistance when needed over the high Festival Services. namely: Mr. Max Cohen, Mr. E. Chien, Mr. Mike Shapiro, and Mr. Joe Joffe. He also expressed his thanks to Leslie Taube our Shumas for the conscientious manner in which he carried out his duties throughout the year and that he could be held as an example to the youth.

Financially: The Chairman stated that the Treasurer Mr. Harold Scheckter would make his report shortly, but he would just like to say that we were fortunate in receiving bequests from the Late Mr. Edelstein in the sum of R200 and R100.00 from the late Mr. Sam Friedman. Regarding the bequest of R10,000 -00, to be used for a Synagogue, which was made by the late Mr. Jos Smollan, the Chairman said he was optimistic that we would receive this money.

Our Chairman wished to thank the Auditors Hoek Wiehan & Kros for auditing our books gratis and to have a letter of thanks sent to them accordingly. He also thanked Dellie West for roneoing the financial statements. Our Chairman expressed thanks to our Hebrew School Teacher Mr. Chien for assisting with Services on Friday nights and would welcome a better attendance at the Friday night services. He also expressed his sincere thanks to Mrs. Leila Joffe and the Ladies Society and especially mentioned that their efforts largely contributed to keeping us solvent. He congratulated and thanked them for all they did and expressed the hope that they would continue with their good work for the mutual benefit of the Ladies Soc. and the Vryburg Congregation.

The Chairman expressed regret at the loss of two members namely Dr. Max Muskat and Sally Lieberthal and extended sympathy to their bereaved. He also welcomed new members, the Satills and the Jocoms. & *Mr. Hermann Lazarus as resident members*

The Chairman *expressed* his thanks to Mrs. Katz for her Secretarial work. He also thanked his Treasurer Mr. Harold Scheckter for his wonderful help and ~~was~~ stated that he did not envy Mr. Scheckter's job and that he had been a wonderful help to him. He also thanked the Committee for their excellent co-operation.

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TREASURERS REPORT. Mr. Harold Scheckter, the Treasurer, in presenting the financial statement for the year 1965 said that our position over the last year has improved, showing an excess of income over expenditure of R505-00. This being due to the income from house rent, in the amount of R506-00.

The Treasurer stated that the Ladies Society donated R759-00 and we received two bequests of R200 and R100. The increase of subscriptions did not even cover our Teachers remuneration. and that repairs to our fixed property were unfortunately high this year. He also thanked Mrs. Joffe and the Ladies Society for the financial help they had given us and congratulated them on their successful functions. He said that it would appear that our expenditure in most respects was pretty constant: occasionally there were more repairs entailing additional costs and also other incidentals which could increase our expenditure, but it was very important that nobody should think that because we had money on fixed deposit as well as a Credit balance in the bank that we could relax in our communal efforts because with the high costs of maintaining our properties and a teacher plus other incidental expences, our surplus could so easily be absorbed and we would find ourselves financially embarrassed. We had to adopt the policy to increase our efforts as tho this surplus was non existant. Mr. Scheckter mentioned that the Insurance on the properties had been increased.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.

CHAIRMAN. Mr. J. Katz. Proposed by Mr. S. Lieberthal.
Seconded by Mr. P. Lieberwitz.

VICE CHAIR. Mr. M. Shapiro. Proposed by Mr. S. Lieberthal
Seconded by Mrs. L. Joffe.

SECRETARY. Mrs. Z. Katz. Proposed by Mrs. A. Lieberthal
Seconded by Mr. E. Vladaver.

TREASURER. Mr. Harold Scheckter. Prop. by Mrs. L. Joffe
Seconded Mrs. A. Lieberthal.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Mr. P. Liebowitz. Proposed by Sam Lieberthal
Seconded by Oscar Goldberg.
Mr. N. Lazerus. Proposed by Max Cohen.
Seconded by Mike Shapiro.
Mr. O. Goldberg. Proposed by M. Cohen.
Seconded by P. Liebowitz.
MR. S. LIEBERTHAL. Proposed by O. Goldberg.
Seconded by Z. Katz.
The Chairlady of the Ladies Society.

SHAMUS. Mr. Leslie Taube.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR.

(CHAIRMAN)

J. Katz
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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
THE SIMON LIEBERTHAL GUILD HALL ON SUNDAY
NIGHT THE 6th NOVEMBER 1966.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Simon Lieberthal Guild Hall on Tuesday 2nd November, 1965, were read by the Secretary. The adoption was moved by Mr. S. Lieberthal and Seconded by Mr. P. Leibowitz.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman, Mr. J. Katz, then gave his report. He stated that, during the year under review, the Committee had again done everything it possibly could in the interest of the Congregation. He stated that we were without a Minister, and the likelihood of obtaining the services of one, was remote. He added that we were fortunate to have in our community, members who were able to conduct the services and availed himself of the opportunity to thank those members who came forward to render assistance over the High Festival Services. Particular thanks were expressed to Mr. Max Cohen, who made a special effort to be with us and to Mr. Chien, to Mr. Mike Shapiro, to Mr. Joe Joffe and to Mr. David Link. The Congregation should be indebted to these people.

A special vote of thanks was expressed to our Shamus, Mr. Leslie Taube, who so conscientiously carried out his duties throughout the year. He could be held as an example to the youth, and the chairman wished him good luck in his future.

RE : BEQUEST - THE LATE MR. JOS SMOLLAN:

The Chairman mentioned that we were experiencing difficulty in establishing our Claims with the Master and that the matter was being referred to the Supreme Court. Every endeavour was being made to try and obtain the bequests.

He then thanked Mr. Chien for his efforts with our children in the Hebrew School. He also expressed thanks to our Treasurer Mr. H. Scheckter, for the conscientious manner in which he attended to the treasurer's work. He also expressed thanks to his good wife for the manner in which she carried out the Secretarial duties, and he also expressed his thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Committee for their excellent council and co-operation which they gave at all times.

Regarding the financial position of the Congregation, the Chairman stated that he would not elaborate on this point, as our Treasurer, Mr. Scheckter, would deal with it in his address. He would merely mention that we had money in the Bank and that we were just about going square, but a very serious difficulty looming on the horizon, was the trouble that the Ladies Society were experiencing in raising money. He felt that it was the duty of the Ladies Society to continue with their endeavours to raise funds, as we are a dwindling Community, and it was our duty to see that our children especially, receive every tuition, example and encouragement from us. No times were too difficult. We have to fight on and devise ways and means to overcome whatever difficulties may lay ahead. We could not under any circumstances relax, because without the financial support of the Ladies Society, our Community could not exist. With these words, the Chairman thanked everybody for the wonderful support during the past year and expressed the hope that the Congregation would continue to receive the community's fullest support in the future. The Chairman's report was unanimously adopted.

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THE TREASURERS REPORT. The Treasurer, Mr. H. Scheckter, in presenting the Financial Statement for the year 1966, said : Our position had improved considerably over the last year, showing an income over expenditure of R 841.32, this being due to house-rent R 552.00. The Ladies Society donated R 617.25 and donations of R 583.00 were received. Our subscriptions have fallen by R 171.00, showing a short fall of R 375.00 on ~~xxxx~~ our teacher's remuneration.alone.

We had 21 town and 5 Country Members and 2 non-paying members. ~~The~~ Most of the members were toeing the line as ~~far~~ far as the arranged formula for subscriptions is concerned, but there were a few members who were not, and he proposed that these few should be brought into line. The reason for this was not to ~~in~~ injure any individual family or person, but to retain the monthly subscriptions to enable the Congregation to fulfil its obligations.

Despite the fact that the overhaul position of the Congregation had improved and was very sound at present, we could not relax and allow ourselves to live on our capital. He stated that we were to endeavour to build up our income to cover our monthly expenditure, and said it would be wise to try and accumulate a little. To go the other way, would be fatal.

We were fortunate that maintenance on the fixed property had only cost us R 70.00 this year, but felt that the in-coming Committee would have to budget for about R 600.00 for repairs to the School and Synagogue next year.

We had on fixed deposits R 1075.00 at 5½% maturing in April 1967 and R 1000.00 at 6% maturing in December 1968. Mr. Scheckter thanked Mrs. Joffe and the Ladies Society for their financial help and congratulated them on their successful functions. Finally he asked that a policy should be adopted to increase our efforts, as the surplus which we had could very easily be diminished.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS:

Chairman - Mr. J. Katz.

Vice-chairman - Mr. M. Shapiro.

Secretary - Mrs. Z. Katz.

Treasurer - Mrs. R. Muskat. *(unanimous) prop. J. Katz Sec. S. Lieberthal*

Committee Members : P. Leibowitz, S. Lieberthal, E. Wladovar, O. Goldberg and the Chair-lady of the Ladies Society.

~~Shamus~~ Shamus : Mr. Sammy Katz.

~~GENERAL : Mr. J. Katz gave notice that this was his last year in office as Chairman or in any Executive Position, or as a Committee Member, in view of the apathetic attitude taken up by our menfolk. He would retire gracefully at the end of this period of service. J. Katz.~~

PRAYER BOOKS : It was decided to send out a list to establish how many members of the Committee would buy the Philip Birnbaum combined New Year and Day of Atonement Service Machzir at a price of R 2.50 each, as this Book would be used uniformly on these High Festival Services, and every now and again the page number would be given for easy following of services ~~OVER~~ *the YOMTAVIM*.

The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

J. Katz

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