

TMC AGM  
October 9, 2021

Total attendees: 40

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1. Presentations by Bob Kalniņš, Ināra Palieps, Krišs Brauns
  - a. Many questions about roads & road responsibilities and concerns. Roads will be the responsibility of the Road Committee (set to meet on May 2-4 weekend, 2022). For any road issues, reach out to Trinity Latvian directly.
  - b. Concerns around finances - how they are allocated and tracked. Tērvete is under the purview of Trinity Latvian Church, which reports into CRA as a registered charity.
2. Elections:
  - a. 2 people up for election: Andris Kaniņš, Amanda Palieps
  - b. Candidates:
    - i. Larisa Gūtmanis
    - ii. Vilis Ābele
    - iii. Mārtiņš Sausiņš
    - iv. Matīss Siliņš
  - c. Elected: Larisa Gutmanis, Vilis Abele
  - d. Petition to add an additional TMC member - Bob says stay with 6 members.
3. General Discussion:
  - a. Ēriks Bedard: Publish Financials on tervete.org for transparency.
  - b. Rita Strautiņa (for Julija): Is someone writing minutes for the AGM and for meetings?
    - i. Answer (Inara): Yes. Sometimes confidential things are discussed so we can share summary/minutes more widely. TMC is working out how best to do this.
    - ii. Davids Bedard: suggest sharing minutes/points to FB group/website as PDF.
    - iii. Davids: Karmena takes notes. Are there specific jobs within TMC?  
Answer (Inara): No, everyone participates according to their abilities, though we will be functioning slightly differently, with more specific responsibilities assigned across the Committee.
  - c. Dāvids Bedard: Will the Road Committee be elected in May 2022? Will there be a representative from Draudze or TMC on it?
    - i. Roberts: It is being worked on as we speak. There will be reps from Draudz/TMC & frequent conversations
  - d. Ēriks Bedard: Many great improvements to Tērvete in the past years. The railing on the 2nd floor balcony at Lielā Māja is very wiggly - liability for Draudze. Can this be fixed?
    - i. Will need to be looked at.
  - e. Kaspars Reinis: Can we agree to get Tērvete up to Code next year?
    - i. This is a very big job. Will be looked into.
  - f. Ēriks Bedard: Next year is Tērvetes 65th. Has there been any discussion about activities that could be organized?

- i. Larisa: Working with Davids on a plan. Taking feedback. Exact details and plans to be determined.
- g. Dāvids Bedard: The \$75 Tērvete tax - we ask all owners. What happens when people don't pay?
  - i. This is an ongoing problem. Need help explaining why they SHOULD be paying it.
  - ii. 44 people out of 60 typically pay their fees.
  - iii. All owners have this stipulation in their deed of sale to pay the \$75 fee. We have issues enforcing it. A lot of people don't understand that it's their responsibility to pay it.
- h. Andris Ābele: would like to propose a capital project/seed of thought.
  - i. Big property, a lot to maintain. "Uz puņķiem".
  - ii. There has to be a more targeted approach as to how money is spent.
  - iii. Propose: I believe that Lielā Māja has to have a new idea in order to generate revenue. The starting of that has to be in the basement - low ceiling, full of crap, unhealthy environment. It does not take a lot of capital to bring that space into a conditioned, habitable, multi-purpose area.
  - iv. Andris will circulate plans.
  - v. One of the big weaknesses: shut down during the winter. With a small investment, could be the ability to generate a bit of revenue year-round.
  - vi. Plans contain a conceptual drawing of what the basement could be. Washing machine should be replumbed to not be in the middle of the room. Water treatment equipment could be condensed. Start with the bottom up with consideration as to what could happen to the floors above it.
  - vii. Insulate the basement area separate from the house. Keep heating expenses minimal - possible to use it year-round. Initiatives have been taken to organize zole tournaments, other parties, space for the general public to come and make a coffee. If there's inclement weather, where can we hide? If it's hot, where is there air conditioning?
  - viii. Spreadsheets allow planning of a bigger project. Upwell of volunteers willing to do the work. Put some capital into one spot in Tērvete, you'll have more people coming here.
  - ix. Bottom line: \$75k to invest to give many advantages.
  - x. Idea is to plant the seed of thought. To supplement the seed of thought, Andris Abele would volunteer to project manage this.
  - xi. Some of the line items are in there for professionals to come in (ex. plumbers), however, the budget is too generous as we have access to plumbers on site (room in the document/budget to trim the fat).
  - xii. Katrīne Sausiņš: with the breakdown, we have an idea of what we can donate.
  - xiii. Andris: Capital projects have been happening without any spreadsheets or idea of how money is going to be spent. The spreadsheet allows you to budget and track actuals so you know whether you're ahead of behind budget-wise.

- xiv. Inara: the basement is the only place that we had for events. It was never good enough, we should be using it in a better way.
- i. Krista Upeslācis: Announcement - next Sunday, no meeting elections via Zoom. If anyone is interested in helping with TBN, reach out to Krista.
- j. Dāvids: Draudze didn't pay to build the camp buildings. Has the Draudze taken them over?
  - i. Bob Kalniņš: Camp rented the land for 49 years. Afterwards, Draudze took it back. Camp buildings were built by TBN. Draudze has inherited the buildings. There is room for some kind of agreement. Buildings in exchange for free rent for 50 years.
  - ii. Izolde Spūrmanis: It's important for everyone to understand what the original agreement was. It was a special lease - it was rented out at a low level. Renter does improvements. When the lease ends, it reverts back to the landlord (Izolde can send the original agreement).
- k. Kaspars Reinis:
  - i. Tērvete wishlist: we have stuff that appears in the basement and stuff that appears on the grounds. Kaspars would like to create a wishlist of things we actually need.
  - ii. On behalf of Jānis Vītols: would like to propose leading an initiative to plant 65 trees for 65 years.
  - iii. Ināra: In the 60s, they planted 45 trees in one weekend - this is very doable and a great idea.
- l. Katrīne Sausiņa:
  - i. Really like the idea of the distribution lists. It would also be great to have tasks listed on the website 2 weeks ahead of time so people can plan to attend/help/volunteer with the tasks.
- m. Dāvids Bedard:
  - i. Would it make sense to have an honorary stipend for folks helping to update the website, etc.?
- n. Gunta Dreifelde: Kaspars has money from Diasporas Ministrija via KLIK. Could that be used for this?
  - i. Kaspars: Different problem - we don't have a central place for the whole Latvian community in Canada, lots of work happening, no timeline.
- o. Larisa Gūtmanis: everyone is invited to a fire at Larisa's place.
- p. Jānis Spūrmanis:
  - i. Stay behind - he will explain map of property lines