

#### 18.4 RAPPORT 4 – DEPUTATE HISTORIESE SAKE – RAPPORT VAN VOORSITTER (Art 136)

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- A. Ds SD de Kock stel die Rapport.  
Rev SD de Kock tables the Report.
- B. Die Rapport word staande die Sinode afgehandel.  
The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

#### C. RAPPORT / REPORT

<p><b>1. Inleiding</b> Wat 'n heerlike voorreg om aan die einde van 'n tydperk te mag terugkyk en te betrag wat in belang van die Kerk van die HERE was en is. Aan God die dank vir sy genade.</p> <p><b>2. Dankwoord</b> 'n Woord van besondere dank aan sr C Huisman wat met onvermoeide ywer en met entoesiasme vertolk en uitgevoer het wat in die beste belang vir die Deputate was. Ook aan dr JM van Tonder wat met ywer gereeld in gesprek getree het ter wille van die gladde verloop van sake. Besondere dank aan elke Deputaat wat by oproep en versoek getrou gereageer het.</p> <p><b>3. Administrasie</b> Danksy deeglike beplanning kon die argief geherstruktureer word ten einde meer ruimte beskikbaar te maak. Dit geld vir die wyse van argivering sowel as die inhoudshantering wat op 'n gladde en effektiewe wyse hanteer is en verloop het. Die regte hantering van ad hoc personeel het ook veel bygedra tot die effektiwiteit van die saak. Die deurlopende studie en navorsing van die argivaris het neerslag gevind in 'n funksionele publikasie oor argivering. Haar deurlopende aandag en entoesiasme sterk die behoorlike funksionering van die taak en opdrag van die argief. Ook die bekwame en noukeurige wyse van notulering en kommunikasie van dr J du Plooy verdien besondere vermelding.</p>	<p><b>1. Introduction</b> What a wonderful privilege to look back at the end of a period and observe what was and is in the interests of the Church of our Lord. Thank God for his grace.</p> <p><b>2. Acknowledgments</b> A special thanks to sr C Huisman who enthusiastically interpreted and carried out what was in the best interests of the Deputies. Also, to dr JM van Tonder who regularly and diligently entered talks concerning the smooth running of affairs. Thank you to every Deputy who responded faithfully on call and request.</p> <p><b>3. Administration</b> Thanks to thorough planning, the archive could be restructured to make more space available. This applies to the manner of archiving as well as content handling that have been managed in a smooth and effective way. The proper handling of ad hoc staff has also contributed greatly to the effectiveness of the exercise. The archivist's ongoing study and research manifested in a functional publication on archiving. Her ongoing attention and enthusiasm further enhance the proper functioning of the task and mission of the archive. Also, the proficient and accurate manner of minuting and communication by dr J du Plooy deserves particular mention.</p>
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<p><b>4. Belangehantering</b> Deur die bywoning van kursusse, seminare en vergaderings van die nasionale en kerklike organisasies vir argivering, kon daar op hoogte gebly word van die jongste en beste metodes vir die hantering van argivalia. Besondere dank aan sr C Huisman en prof DF Muller vir bywoning en implementering van belangrike nuwe en ter sake praktyke.</p> <p><b>5. Besondere sake</b></p> <p>5.1 <i>Inspraak en seggenskap Burgersdorp</i> Daar was 'n ontmoeting met prof B Spoelstra na aanleiding van sy kommer as lid van die Trustees oor die voortgaande behoud en hantering van die Kerkmuseum aldaar. Gesprek is met hom gevoer in teenwoordigheid van br JG Noëth en ds PJ Venter nadat ds Venter die saak na vore gebring het. Die saak is na die bogenoemde twee broeders en ds J Malan verwys vir hantering en rapportering saam met ds G Opperman (adviseur).</p> <p>5.2 <i>Instandhouding van historiese geboue en verwante sake</i></p> <p>5.2.1 Daar heers kommer in die hart oor die juiste instandhouding van die historiese geboue en plekke.</p> <p>5.2.1.1 <u>Postmasburg</u> Die standbeeld van ds Dirk Postma het deel geword van die huurmotorterminus op Postmasburg. Die Deputate versoek dat die plaaslike en naburige Kerkrade bedag sal wees op die moontlike verskuiwing daarvan ter wille van behoud.</p> <p>5.2.1.2 <u>Totiusmuseum en verwante geboue</u> Daar het gaandeweg groot verandering ingetree oor die hantering van historiese geboue en die seggenskap daaroor. Daarmee saam kom die instandhouding daarvan. Daar is 'n oorhoofse betrokkenheid van die Stadsraad oor die historiese geboue waarmee deeglik rekening gehou moet word ten einde doeltreffend te wees. Daar is vergaderings gehou met die amptenare wat spesifiek gemoeid is</p>	<p><b>4. Management of interests</b> By attending archiving courses, seminars and meetings of the national and church organisations, we managed to keep up to date with the latest and best methods of handling archivalia. Special thanks to sr C Huisman and prof DF Muller for their attendance and implementation of important new and relevant practices.</p> <p><b>5. Specific issues</b></p> <p>5.1 <i>Governance and authority Burgersdorp</i> A meeting was held with prof B Spoelstra, following his concern as a Trustee member, regarding the ongoing conservation and management of the Burgersdorp Church Museum. A discussion followed, in the presence of br JG Noëth and Rev PJ Venter, after Rev Venter brought the matter to the fore. The matter was referred to the aforementioned two brothers and Rev J Malan for handling and reporting in collaboration with Rev G Opperman (adviser).</p> <p>5.2 <i>Maintenance of historical buildings and related matters</i></p> <p>5.2.1 There is concern regarding the proper maintenance of the historical buildings and places.</p> <p>5.2.1.1 <u>Postmasburg</u> The statue of Rev Dirk Postma became part of the rental car terminus at Postmasburg. The Deputies request that local and neighbouring Church Councils be aware of the possible relocation of the statue for the sake of preservation.</p> <p>5.2.1.2 <u>Totius House Museum and related buildings</u> Progressively, there has been a great deal of change regarding the management and authority relating to historical buildings, including the way in which these are maintained. The overall involvement of the City council regarding the historic buildings must be considered thoroughly in order for it to be effective. Meetings were held with officials specifically tasked with the maintenance and conservation. It is with great appreciation that we can</p>
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<p>met die instandhouding en bewaring. Ons kan werklik met groot dank getuig van hierdie persone se sorg en belangstelling ter wille van die beste belang van die historiese geboue. Die finansiële begrotings en toewysings het probleme opgelewer. Daar word nou gepoog om 'n verantwoordelikhedsraamwerk vir al die betrokkenes saam te stel. Daarmee saam geld ook deeglike gekoördineerde besoeke met behoorlike begeleiding en kontrole oor besoekers.</p> <p>5.2.1.3 <u>Burgersdorp</u> Daar is indringende gesprek gevoer met die Registrateur van die NWU en die belanghebbendes. Die gesprek het plaasgevind danksy die ywer van br J Verhoef wat in die verlede ten nouste gemoeid was met die instandhoudingswerk te Burgersdorp. Die doel was deurgaans om die bewaring en instandhouding van die geboue en argivalia op 'n vaste voet te plaas. Weereens geld finansiering en bepanning vir doeltreffende bewaring. Ook hier geld dit dat daar 'n werkbare rolverdeling vasgestel moet word. Dit is waarskynlik die grootste uitdaging wat daar op die Deputate wag, om alles op 'n vaste grondslag te stel.</p> <p>5.2.1.4 <u>Krugerskraal</u> Die behoud en instandhouding van die Totius plaashuis verg ook besondere aandag. Die huis en buitegeboue is netjies omhein. Die geboue en werf verkeer ook in 'n besonder netjiese toestand. Groot dank moet uitgespreek word teenoor br MC Erasmus wat ten spyte van 'n groot werklading ook moeite gedoen het om huurders te bekom wat die eiendom bewoon het en instandhoudingswerk verrig het. Gesien die omstandighede in die samelewing word dit toenemend moeilik om geskikte bewoners te vind asook om voorsiening te maak vir 'n veilige omgewing. Daar behoort versigtig gekyk te word na die haalbaarheid van die behoud en instandhouding van die geboue en</p>	<p>testify of the care and interest portrayed by these individuals in the best interests of the historic buildings. The financial budgets and allocations have caused problems. An attempt is being made to establish a responsibility framework for all concerned. In addition, thorough coordinated visiting hours apply, including proper guidance and control over visitors.</p> <p>5.2.1.3 <u>Burgersdorp</u> An incisive conversation with the NWU's Registrar and stakeholders took place thanks to the zeal of br J Verhoef, who was closely involved in the maintenance work in Burgersdorp in the past. The aim throughout was to place the conservation and maintenance of the buildings and archivalia on a firm footing. Again, funding and planning apply for effective conservation. Here too, it is important to establish a workable distribution of roles. This is probably the biggest challenge awaiting the Deputies, to place everything on a solid foundation.</p> <p>5.2.1.4 <u>Krugerskraal</u> The conservation and maintenance of the Totius farmhouse also require special attention. The house and outbuildings are neatly fenced. The buildings and yard are also in an immaculate condition. A big thanks to br MC Erasmus who, despite a large workload, also made an effort to acquire tenants who occupied the property and did maintenance work. Given the conditions in society, it becomes increasingly difficult to find suitable residents and to provide a safe environment. Careful consideration should be given to the feasibility regarding conservation and maintenance of the buildings and grounds.</p>
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<p>terrein.</p> <p><b>6. Skakeling met kerke uit voormalige Sinode Middellande en Klassis Capricorn</b> Daar is besondere werk deur br J Malunga gedoen om argivalia van die kerke te bekom ter wille van argivering. Hy het met die kerke geskakel en hulle in gesamentlike vergadering ontmoet om te praat oor die argivering van materiaal. Daarmee saam het hy daarin geslaag om wel waardevolle items te bekom.</p> <p><b>7. Finansies</b> Ter wille van vaartbelynde handeling en die behoorlike hantering van finansies is daar besluit dat die Deputate nie self die finansies sal hanteer nie, maar dat dit direk onder die leiding van br HJD Coetzee van die Administratiewe Buro geplaas word met behoorlike en gereelde inspraak deur die funksionaris. Dit het daartoe meegehelp dat die finansies verantwoordelik hanteer kon word.</p> <p><b>Besluit: Punte 1 tot 7 kennis geneem.</b></p> <p><b>8. Aanbevelings</b></p> <p>8.1 Dat daar regsmeening ingewin word om die Sinode te adviseer mbt die presiese rolverdeling van alle belanghebbendes by argivering en die bewaring, instandhouding en gebruik van historiese geboue.</p> <p>8.2 Dat daar deeglik oor die eiendomsreg van alle argivalia besin word.</p> <p>8.3 Dat daar in samewerking met die Administratiewe Buro en finansies deeglik besin word oor personeel-toewysing en die bereiking van doelwitte.</p> <p>8.4 Dat daar 'n dringende versoek gerig word aan Klassis om die kerke behulpsaam te wees met die beskikbaarstelling van argivalia.</p> <p>8.5 Dat daar met die aanwysing van Deputate deeglik rekening gehou word met iemand wat waarlik inspraak het by die kerke uit voormalige Sinode Middellande en Klassis Capricorn.</p> <p>8.6 Dat daar deeglik besin word oor die hantering en bestuur van Krugerskraal.</p> <p>8.7 Dat daar met groot dank melding</p>	<p><b>6. Liaison with churches from previous Synod Midlands and Classis Capricorn</b></p> <p>A special effort from br J Malunga saw the procurement of archivalia from the churches for archival purposes. He contacted the churches and invited them to a joint meeting to talk about archiving of material. In doing so, he managed to obtain valuable items.</p> <p><b>7. Finances</b> For the sake of streamlined action and the proper management of finances, it was decided that the Deputies will not manage the finances themselves, but that it will be placed directly under the direction of br HJD Coetzee of the Administrative Bureau with proper and regular involvement by the functionaries. This contributed to the responsible management of finances.</p> <p><b>Decision: Points 1 to 7 noted.</b></p> <p><b>8. Recommendations</b></p> <p>8.1 That legal opinion is obtained to advise the Synod as to the precise role distribution of all stakeholders regarding archiving and the conservation, maintenance and use of historical buildings.</p> <p>8.2 That the ownership of all archivalia is considered thoroughly.</p> <p>8.3 That, in conjunction with the Administrative Bureau and finances, a thorough consideration of staff allocation and achievement of goals are achieved.</p> <p>8.4 That an urgent request is made to Classis to assist the churches with the appropriation of archivalia.</p> <p>8.5 That, with the appointment of Deputies, careful consideration is given to the designation of someone who truly participates in the deliberations of the churches from previous Synod Midlands and Classis Capricorn.</p> <p>8.6 That the handling and management of Krugerskraal are considered thoroughly.</p> <p>8.7 That the selfless service and sacrifice of</p>
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<p>gemaak word van onbaatsugtige diens en opofferings van verskeie persone by die verskillende musea.</p> <p>8.8 Dat die te benoemde Deputate presies sal vasstel wat die rolverdeling mbt argivalia en musea is volgens die advies van die regsadviseurs en dit aan die kerke sal kommunikeer.</p> <p><b>Besluit: Punte 8.1 tot 8.8 goedgekeur.</b></p> <p>8.9 Dat die Sinode met dank kennis neem van groot werk oor baie jare heen van brs P Coetsee en J Verhoef ter wille van die behoud van ons historiese erfenis en die geskiedenis van die GKSA.</p> <p><b>Besluit: Goedgekeur. Br AG Coetsee moet per brief vir getroue diens bedank word. Ds J Malan moet per brief voorspoed toegewens word vir sy werk.</b></p> <p><b>9. Ten slotte</b> Aan ons getroue Verbondsgod kom die eer toe vir sy roeping en bekwaam-making en genadebetoon in 'n besondere tyd in ons geskiedenis.</p> <p><b>Besluit: Kennis geneem.</b></p>	<p>numerous individuals at the various museums are mentioned with great gratitude.</p> <p>8.8 That the next Deputies will determine the precise role distribution regarding archivalia and museums according to the opinion of the legal advisers and communicate this to the churches.</p> <p><b>Decision: Points 8.1 to 8.8 approved.</b></p> <p>8.9 That the Synod takes note of the exceptional work over many years by brs P Coetsee and J Verhoef for the sake of preserving our historical legacy and the history of the GKSA.</p> <p><b>Decision: Approved. Br AG Coetsee must be thanked via letter for his diligent service. Rev J Malan must be wished good luck with his work via letter.</b></p> <p><b>9. In closing</b> The honour goes to our faithful Covenant God for his calling and empowerment and grace in an exceptional time in our history.</p> <p><b>Decision: Noted.</b></p>
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