

18. HISTORIESE SAKE 18. HISTORICAL AFFAIRS

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- A. Die voorsitter, ds P Venter, stel die Rapport.
The chairman, Rev. P Venter, tables the Report.
- B. Die Rapport word staande die Sinode afgehandel.
The Report is concluded while the Synod is in session.
- C. **Besluit:**
Die uitstaande brief waarmee br AG Coetsee vir getroue diens bedank moet word (Acta 2018:488, 8.9), sal deur dr W du Plessis opgevolg word.
Die uitstaande brief waarmee ds J Malan voorspoed toegewens word vir sy werk (Acta 2018:488, 8.9), sal deur dr W du Plessis opgevolg word.
Sinode 2023 stuur 'n brief van dank aan br FM Coetsee en sy dogter, sr EM Coetsee, insake hulle moeite met die vervoer en terugbring van materiaal vanaf Burgersdorp na die kerkmuseum in Potchefstroom.

Decision:

The letter outstanding with which Br AG Coetsee should be thanked for faithful service (Acta 2018:488, 8.9), will be followed up by dr W du Plessis.

The letter outstanding wishing Rev. J Malan well for his work (Acta 2018:488, 8.9), will be followed up by dr W du Plessis.

Synod 2023 sends a letter of thanks to Br FM Coetsee and his daughter, Sr EM Coetsee, regarding their efforts in transporting and bringing back material from Burgersdorp to the church museum in Potchefstroom.

D. RAPPORT / REPORT

<p>1. Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem</p> <p>1.1 <i>Personeelsake</i></p> <p>Met dankbaarheid kan ons getuig dat die werk in die argief en museum gedurende die Covid-19 pandemietydperk voort-gegaan het.</p> <p><u>Argief:</u> Die GKSA Argief is die nasionale bewaarplek vir argivale materiaal uit die kerkgemeenskap. Dus met een voltydse personeellid is die werkslading te groot. Vakkundige persone aangestel vir sekere projekte dien as ad hoc werkers, hierdie metode werk goed en word gekontinueer.</p> <p>Die Kerkmuseum vorm deel van die Argivaris se take en posbeskrywing is daarvolgens aangepas, tyd word strategies tussen die twee instansies verdeel. Argief en museum word as 'n eenheid bestuur.</p>	<p>1. Matters that the Synod takes note of</p> <p>1.1 <i>Personnel Affairs</i></p> <p>We attest with thankfulness that the work at the archive and museum continued during the Covid 19 pandemic period.</p> <p><u>Archive:</u> the GKSA Archive is the national depository of archival material of the church community. The workload is too great for a single full-time employee. Specialists have, therefore, been appointed for certain projects in an ad hoc capacity, which works well and will continue.</p> <p>The church museum forms part of the archivist's duties and the job description has been accordingly amended, whereby time is strategically divided between the two institutions. The archive and museum are managed as a unit.</p>
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<p>Die museumbeampte, Me Suzette Coetzee is aangewys en werk slegs 'n sekere aantal ure. Die museum het 'n groot transformasie ondergaan en onder leiding van Suzette is 'n Elektroniese Bateregister geskep!</p> <p>Groot dank en waardering aan al die werkers by die argief en museum vir werksywer en hoë kwaliteit uitkomst.</p> <p>1.2 <i>Navorsing by die argief</i></p> <p>1.2.1 'n Aantal navrae is ontvang uit foto- en private versamelings, Handeling van Sinodes, titelaktes en afstigingsdokumente.</p> <p>1.2.2 Die argief is behulpsaam met insamel van bronne waaruit 'n student in Kerkgeskiedenis tans besig is met verdere studie.</p> <p>1.2.3 Mondelinge Geskiedenis: Die argivaris het op 8 November 2019, in samewerking met prof LH Moretsi die gemeente van GK Dube besoek. Dit is die eerste gemeente wat in Soweto (1961) gestig is. Tans is daar min geskrewe inligting van die ontstaan en geskiedenis van hierdie gemeente. Onderhoude is gevoer met van die oudste lidmate, waarvan een oom diep in die 90's was. Kosbare staaltjies en vertellings is opgeneem op klank en videoband. Audiobeelde van onderhoude met prof Jaap Helberg is geskenk aan die argief. Prof Chris van der Walt (<i>skoonseun</i>) het die onderhoude gevoer. Belangrike inligting is daarin vervat, veral dié oor die geskiedenis, ontstaan en werksaamhede van Hammanskraalse Teologiese Skool. In nog 'n beeld, vertel prof Chris van der Walt, destyds (1992) predikant van Colesberg wat in kombinasie was met Phillipstowngemeente, 'n prettige brokkie geskiedenis van 'n dranklisensie aansoek gerig aan GK Phillipstown! Op 'n spesiale kerkraadsvergadering is die lisensie nie toegestaan nie.</p> <p>1.3 <i>Rekordbeheer</i></p> <p>1.3.1 <u>Rekordbeheer by die Argief:</u> 'n Aantal bestaande versamelings en nuwe aanwinste is ontsluit.</p> <p>As gevolg van die 2019 pandemie en meegaande probleme is kleiner</p>	<p>The museum manager, Ms. Suzette Coetzee, has been appointed on a part-time basis. The museum was greatly transformed and upon the initiative of Suzette an electronic asset register was created!</p> <p>Sincere thanks and appreciation to all the archive and museum employees for the diligence and high-quality results.</p> <p>1.2 <i>Research at the archive</i></p> <p>1.2.1 A number of queries have been received about photo and private collections, actions by Synods, title deeds and secession documents.</p> <p>1.2.2 The archive is at present aiding in the gathering of sources for a Church History student conducting a study.</p> <p>1.2.3 Oral History: The archivist, together with Prof LH Moretsi, visited GK Dube on 8 November 2019. This is the first congregation established in Soweto (1961) and at the moment few records exist on the origin and history of this congregation. Some of the eldest members were interviewed, one of which was deep in his 90s. Audio/visual recordings were made of precious anecdotes and accounts.</p> <p>Audio tapes of interviews with Prof Jaap Helberg, conducted by Prof Chris van der Walt (son-in-law), have been donated to the archive. It contains important information, especially about the history, establishment and activities of Hammanskraal Theological School. In another recording, Prof Chris van der Walt (minister of Colesberg congregation in combination with Philipstown at the time – 1992) recounts an entertaining bit of history over a liquor license application addressed to GK Philipstown! This license was refused at a special church council meeting.</p> <p>1.3 <i>Record Management</i></p> <p>1.3.1 <u>Record management at the Archive:</u> A number of existing collections and new acquisitions have been undertaken.</p> <p>Due to the 2019 pandemic and associated difficulties a smaller</p>
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<p>hoeveelheid argivale dokumente na die argief oorgeplaas vir bewaring. Ongeag die struikelblokke gaan die werk voort en fokusarea tans is rakkontrolle met doelwit: opdatering van elektroniese databasis.</p> <p>Fokusareas is argivering, digitalisering, rampbeheer, opleiding en skakeling.</p> <p>Die GKSA Argiefbewaarpark voldoen aan wetgewing en kan nie beskou word as 'n statiese omgewing nie, veranderinge bring nuwe uitdagings!</p> <p>1.3.2 <u>Versamel- en Rekordbestuur by Museum</u></p> <p>'n Aantal kosbaarhede is aan die museum geskenk. Met elke skenking word 'n skenkingsooreenkoms aangegaan waarop die beskrywing van die voorwerp en geskiedenis vervat is.</p> <p>Leemtes in die geskiedenislyn van die museumversameling is geïdentifiseer. Die projek Grensoorlog 1966 tot 1989 word tans geloods. Skenking van 'n Kapelaansbaadjie, pet en ander is al gekry en vorm deel van die uitstalling. By die GKSA Kerkmuseum besef ons die verantwoordelikheid van rentmeesterskap.</p> <p>Fokusareas is bewaring, bewusmaking van erfenis en toeganklikheid.</p> <p>1.4 <i>Museumbestuur</i></p> <p>1.4.1 Deurlopend word termietbestryding gedoen.</p> <p>1.4.2 Staalrakke is in die stoorarea van die museum geïnstalleer. Voorwerpe is netjies en volgens nommer(s) op die rakke gepak.</p> <p>1.4.3 Herstellings aan binnemure as gevolg van waterskade is in die proses.</p> <p>1.4.4 'n Geut en dekoratiewe panele is beskadig toe 'n reuse doringboom na swaar reën omgeval het. Met dank aan die Eiendomskommissie van die Administratiewe Buro vir vinnige reaksie, hierdie herstellings is afgehandel.</p> <p>1.4.5 Alarmstelsel en rookalarms is geïnstalleer en word deur 'n bekende sekuriteitsmaatskappy gemonitor.</p>	<p>amount of archival material has been transferred to the archive for storing. Regardless of the stumbling blocks, the work continues and the focus is currently shelf review for the purpose of updating of the electronic database.</p> <p>Focus areas are preservation, raising awareness of heritage and accessibility.</p> <p>GKSA's archive depository complies with legislation and cannot be considered a static environment, change brings new challenges!</p> <p>1.3.2 <u>Acquisition and Record Management at the Museum:</u></p> <p>A number of treasures have been donated to the museum. A donation agreement, recording a description and the history of an object, is concluded with every donation.</p> <p>Gaps in the historical timeline of the museum collection have been identified. Project Border War 1966 to 1989 is in the process of being launched. A chaplain's coat, hat and more have been donated and form part of the display.</p> <p>At the GKSA Church Museum we are conscious of the responsibility of stewardship.</p> <p>Focus areas are preservation, raising awareness of heritage and accessibility.</p> <p>1.4 <i>Museum Management</i></p> <p>1.4.1 Termite control occurs on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>1.4.2 Metal shelving has been installed in the storage area of the museum and objects have been numbered and neatly arranged on the shelves.</p> <p>1.4.3 Repairs to internal walls, due to water damage, are in progress.</p> <p>1.4.4 A gutter and decorative panels were damaged when a huge thorn tree toppled over after heavy rains. With great appreciation for the quick action of the property commission of the administrative bureau, these repairs have been done.</p> <p>1.4.5 An alarm system and smoke alarms have been installed and are monitored by a well-established security company.</p>
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1.4.6	Die uitstalkaste en versameling word een keer per jaar uitgepak en volgens vakkundig riglyne skoongemaak.	1.4.6	The display cabinets and collection are unpacked once a year and cleaned in accordance with special guidelines.
1.4.7	Voorwerpe in die museum is in goeie toestand.	1.4.7	The objects in the museum are in good condition.
1.4.8	Tans is die museumbeampte besig om voorwerpe te beskryf, nommer en ligging/rakplek aan te dui en in te lees op elektroniese baterigister.	1.4.8	The museum manager is currently recording all objects according to description, number and location/shelf in an electronic asset register.
1.4.9	Die argivaris dien afgelope aantal jare op die bestuur van Potchefstroom Erfenis.	1.4.9	The archivist has been a managing member of Heritage Potchefstroom for the last few years.
1.5	<i>Inisiatiewe</i>	1.5	<i>Initiatives</i>
1.5.1	Prof DF Muller en argivaris woon jaarliks vergadering by van die Algemene Argief Taakspan. Virtuele vergadering is gehou in 2020 en 2021. Dit is 'n argivari byeenkoms van verskeie kerkverbande wat belang het by die bewaring van kerkhistoriese materiaal, nuus deel oor die jongste toerusting en gemeenskaplike probleme en oplossings vind.	1.5.1	Prof DF Muller and archivist attend the annual meeting of the General Archive Task Team. Virtual meetings were held in 2020 and 2021. It is the meeting of the archivists of different denominations who have an interest in the preservation of historical church material to share information about the latest equipment and find solutions to mutual problems.
1.5.2	Argief en museum neem deel aan die TSP 150 Fees in 2019: (a) Die studente se Fietstoer vanaf Burgersdorp na Potchefstroom word gedokumenteer; (b) Doen 'n uitstalling in studeerkamer van die plaashuis op Krugerskraal. Deel van die feesfunksie is 'n musiekuitvoering en voorlesing van Totius se gedigte; (c) By die kerkmuseum is 'n interaktiewe uitstalling gehou met tema, TSP studente van toeka tot nou. (d) Verskeie funksies is beplan en aangebied by die Kerkmuseum en covidprotokol gevolg. Piekniek @ Kerslig op die 17e September 2021. 'n Cello speler gee kort uitvoering en ter afsluiting sing besoekers die Onse Vader saam. (e) Die raaisel van kranslegging elke jaar by die museum is opgelos. Na vele navrae is op elektroniese platform inligting gekry dat Gr 8	1.5.2	The archive and museum participated in the TSP 150 Feast in 2019: (a) The students' cycle tour from Burgersdorp to Potchefstroom was documented. (b) An installation was done in the study of the farmhouse at Krugerskraal. Part of the celebration is a music recital and reading of Totius' poetry. (c) The church museum staged an interactive display with the theme: TSP students from then to now. (d) A range of functions were planned and held at the church museum, in full compliance with Covid protocol. Picnic @ Candlelight was held on 17 September 2021, where a cellist gave a short performance and visitors concluded the proceedings with the Lord's Prayer. (e) The yearly riddle of wreath laying at the museum was solved. After a host of enquiries on an electronic platform, it was

<p>leerders van Gimmies (Hoërskool Gimnasium Potchefstroom) die tradisie volg om 'n krans te lê en so die herkoms van die skool te gedenk.</p> <p>1.5.3 Ter viering van Internasionale Museumdag is 'n kunsuitstalling gereël vir 27 en 28 Mei 2022.</p> <p>1.5.4 Die argivaris is genooi en bied 'n lesing aan by Genealogiese Vereniging van Potchefstroom op die 4de Junie 2022.</p> <p>1.5.5 In samewerking met Erfenis Potchefstroom word 'n Outydse Mark beplan, 24 September 2022, Erfenisdag.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 1.1 tot 1.5.5 kennis geneem.</p>	<p>learned that Grade 8 learners of Gimmies (Hoërskool Gimnasium Potchefstroom) follow the tradition of laying a wreath to commemorate the founding of the school.</p> <p>1.5.3 An art exhibition has been organised for 27 and 28 May 2022 to celebrate International Museum Day.</p> <p>1.5.4 The archivist was invited to present a lecture at the Genealogical Society of Potchefstroom on 4 June 2022.</p> <p>1.5.5 A Vintage Market is planned in collaboration with Heritage Potchefstroom for 24 September 2022.</p> <p>Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.5.5 noted.</p>
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