

Genvej til Udvikling

Summary from the Annual General Meeting at 18th of June 2017

In Børnehuset Viften, Låsby

The agenda according to the regulations.

1. Election of chairperson

Jens Elgaard Madsen was elected. The assembly emphasized the importance of sending the magazine, in which the call for a general assemble is urged, in fairly good time, to ensure that the general assemble is legally summoned.

2. Account

There are referred to <http://gtu.dk/PK131-09-10.pdf>

The assemble showed its positivity towards the record-breaking sale of items from the developing countries in 2016, and that it, at the same time, has been possible to carry out an extensive engagement in Emmaus Europe, which has appeared from the notices in Project and Culture's (Projekt og kultur) list of activities.

In connection to the subject "migration", the head of chair mentioned that the Danes have a tendency to show interest in several subjects when they get up close, which is seen from the late attention to the Roma people in Copenhagen. In that correlation, the coordinator mentioned that in Romania, France and Italy, Emmaus-member organizations exist, which positively involve the Roma people.

The deputy-chairman noticed, as an argument in favor of the beneficial of migration, that DR Congo has a yearly national budget of 4,5 billion US-dollars, while the money, which are sent home by the 7 million Congolese people, who have taken residence outside Congo, adds up to a total amount of twice as much, which is 9 billion US-dollars each year.

3. Presenting and approval of the revised account.

The account was inspected and commented on punctually. The assembly discussed our sale-prices and there was an agreement upon that they should be varied in a certain extent, as we approach very different target groups.

The Beninese organization Metokan is excluded from Emmaus because of serious economic mess. We are not buying new items from Metokan, and those we possess are sold, only with the declaration that they are from Benin. AFA in Benin will be in position to deliver within the categories of items which we have bought from Metokan.

4. Processing of the received suggestions

There were no received suggestions for processing.

5. Determination of the yearly contingent

Following unchanged minimum rate valid from 2017 was decided upon:

Personalized membership.....	150 kr.
Household membership.....	200 kr.
Collective membership.....	200 kr.
Subscription without membership.....	100 kr.

6. Points of view from the organization - concerning which subjects, and how do we promote the points of view?

The head of chair raised the question concerning whether the Francophone West Africa should continue to be our main area of focus, or if, for an example, East Europe, East Africa etc., can be involved.

To this matter, the coordinator answered that due to the fact that we are a member-organization from Emmaus, other parts of the world are automatically included.

The coordinator writes a swarm of notices in the news section on our website, and they often concern the Emmaus member-organizations anywhere they exist - this is

for an example seen in the notices translated from the Facebook profile ActEmmaus.

Bente Kühn commented on that GtU in some cases has engaged in some locations, where the big NGO's don't manage or wish to be present at.

Concerning our sale of commodities, the coordinator emphasized that there are good reasons to keep AFA in Benin and Pag-la-Yiri in Burkina Faso as essential partner organizations - both have a majority of women amongst the members, and in AFA's case exists the special aspect of the picture tapestry with the precolonial kings' national coats of arms, which are telling that Africa's history didn't begin with the European colonialism.

The coordinator mentioned his blog posts at www.globalnyt.dk - former "U-landsnyt". They don't help us obtain more members, and don't get rid of existing members, however, it gives us an occasion to occasionally get an exchange of views, which are highly educational to all debaters and readers.

7. Plans for the upcoming year

Around the time of the organization's 40 years anniversary, it was suggested to create contact to the Burkinian Emmaus-veteran Koudbi Koala, which we might be able to hire with the purpose of lectures, for an example concerning democracy in Africa at, which could possibly take place at Aalborg University. The board will follow up on the suggestion.

In Emmaus, the international board has decided on shutting down the Political Board (Politisk udvalg) and the Educational Board (Oplysningsudvalget). However, Julien, Jørgen and the other European members might possibly continue to be invited to Emmaus Europe's regional council meetings. Due to work-related causes, it is uncertain in which degree Julien will be able to take part in the European level.

Furthermore, the mixed development country trading is to be seen at, among other places, local huckster markets in Himmerland and at several gatherings in Aarhus.

It was agreed upon to continue sending packages to both the Cooperative in Amataltal in Niger and to the Emmaus organization Benebnooma in Koudougou in Burkina Faso. However, we are not to send note books and headache pills to any of them - both of which are more expensive in Denmark than in the local markets. The delivering of the packages depends on that we receive donations for the postage.

The assembly decided to shut down the workgroup concerning environment and sustainability, and the workgroup for debate concerning free movement for people. Both of the beforementioned groups have been completely inactive.

The old cooperating partners:

Tessalit in Mali: We are thrilled that the children are able to come to school. However, the Northern Mali is still a dangerous place to stay at, due to wandering criminals and terrorists. There is going to be an article concerning Tessalit in the August edition of Project and Culture (Projekt og Kultur).

Tohoué in Benin: The compost- and gardening project is moving forward slowly. Emmaus Tohoué is often the location for meetings in Emmaus Benin and Emmaus Africa, and has been the location for meetings for Emmaus International at some occasions.

Kaoumaram in Niger: Nothing to report. The area is marked by Boko Haram, and traveling to the area is advised against.

The Cooperative in Amataltal in Niger: There was an agreement to not answer further on the cooperative's requests concerning our plea to Danida and several other funds for additional development aid, as Danida long since has manifested that this is no option. It is difficult to apply for economic assistance from funds, when we, due to the treat of terror, don't have the opportunity to visit a target group, and in addition to this, the principal dilemma is asked: If we should succeed to get aid from funds, it could in the worst possible case postpone the situation, where the cooperative tries to cooperate with other local organisations to make use of each

other's advantages and to strengthen the dialogue with the authorities.

However, we are able to order some of the cooperative's commodities when our liquidity makes it possible, and we will - as former mentioned - continue to send packages in the extent to which it is possible.

Beside from our webpage, the coordinator's private Facebook-profile, blog posts and attendance at meetings, are the pushes, together with our mixed trade with the developing countries, to be seen as work of enlightenment, as we show positive views upon Africa, and because we distribute A4-sheets with pieces of information when we sell commodities from Amatal, AFA, Pag-la-Yiri and CPSS in Cameroun.

It was decided that we are going to maintain all our collective memberships, but that we don't join new memberships and don't sign into Arden Trade and Craft (Arden Handel og Håndværk).

We are going to transfer 140 € to Emmaus International's solidarity fund.

8. Election of board, deputy directors and accountant.

Julien Kalimira Mzee Murhula, Jørgen Olsen and Jens Elgaard Madsen was reelected to sit in the board.

As 1. deputy, Frede Hansen was reelected.

As 2. deputy, Birgit Vanghaug was reelected.

As parliamentary accountants, Jørn Kirkegaard and Per Gustav Johansen were reelected.

9. Additional

The general assembly 2018 is to be held west of Storebælt. Erna Olsen, Hobro, has offered to host.

Jørgen Olsen, referent

Jens Elgaard Madsen, chairman.

The board constituted subsequently with Jens Elgaard Madsen as the head of chair, Julien Kalimira Mzee Murhula as deputy chairman and Jørgen Olsen as secretary and cashier.