**MINUTES-Wednesday October 26th 2022, 7.30 pm on zoom**

**Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Vic)**

**Apologies:** Bernie Kuran, Ian Samuel

**Present**: Allan Jankie, Max Wald, Rene Eisner, Helen Gardner, Liz James, Rodney Eisfelder, Terry Ashton, Heshy Adelist, Aaron Blicblau, Jenny Worth.

**Welcome**: Aaron and Jenny were welcomed by Rodney as new committee members

**Minutes of Last Meeting – 7th September 2022**

No issues arose from the last minutes

**Issues discussed:**

* Lamm Library-Rodney reviewed the situation and after a lengthy discussion it was decided that Rodney will send a letter to Sam & Gavin saying AJGS will offer to pay $4000 for at least a year, with no GST or lease. The committee will review the matter in a year.
* Future meetings - Bernie had circulated his feelings about Zoom meetings in a letter to the committee. After some discussion it was decided that the committee would have face-face meetings in the warmer weather, so our next meeting will be in person. We may still have some meetings on Zoom and there may be occasions when we have face-face meetings and use Zoom at the same time.
* The annual membership to the NAA, of $80, will be renewed
* One of the co-presidents will send a ‘thank you’ letter to Bubbles for her service
* A Certificate of Appreciation will be sent to Bubbles
* The committee members’ contact list will be sent to committee members
* VAJEX -a discussion on this will be held over to the next meeting
* The North-Eastern Jewish Centre will contact Bubbles about her presentation, **‘**A Beginners Guide to Jewish Genealogy,’ perhaps for later in 2023.

**Treasurer’s Report**-Rene distributed the report prior to the meeting and there were no additional comments. Balance in account $6205.62.

**New Member**-Herbert Epstein rejoined

**Website**-it seems to be working well. One issue however, is that emails sent to our domain name, get bounced and it seems to be a configuration issue. Max couldn’t see names of those who have volunteered for Mitzvah Day. Rene and Rodney will resolve these matters.

**Reports:**

**JOBWR-MAX WALD**

Adass is now online and Max has started work on the Melbourne General Cemetery headstone images. This will take some time to complete.

**MARRIAGE DATABASE-RODNEY**

No change. The marriage database remains at 34,106 records.

**DoJR Report-HELEN**

Helen has had offers of help re her DoJR presentation

**FACEBOOK – HESHY**

Facebook is going well and Heshy will start posting items shortly.

**VAJEX-LIZ**

A discussion on this will be held over to the next meeting

**Mitzvah Day – Sunday 20 November –** when Max gets the volunteer lists, he will organise a roster. Some shules don’t want to open on Sundays; however, most are cooperative

**Future Presentations**

* Holocaust holdings of UHSMM-Max will speak to Sara J. Bloomfield, the director of UHSMM to see if she would agree to a zoom presentation in 2023.
* Workshop on ‘Finds, Discoveries and Stumbling Blocks & how to overcome them’ to be held on 4/12/2022, 2.30 p.m. at the Glen Eira Arts Centre. Members should bring their finds, discoveries and stumbling blocks for discussion and help.
* Mid 2023, Terry will discuss the genealogical search for information about a relative who was a Dunera boy and a Commando in ‘X Troop.’

**Any Other Business**-Liz thanked Rene for sorting out the records and Rene thanked Liz for her efforts.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 7/12/2022 in person at Bernie’s home, 98 Carlingford Street, Nth Caulfield.

**Meeting ended at**: 9.25 p.m.