

MINUTES OF THE 209th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SWEDENBORG SOCIETY 2019

Held on Saturday 14th September 2019 at 2.00pm

at Purley Chase Centre, Purley Chase Lane, Mancetter, Atherstone, Warwickshire CV9 2RQ

1. The Chair was taken by Dr David Lister.
2. The Notice convening the meeting was sent to members in advance via letter. The notice was introduced by the Chair and taken as read.
3. Apologies for absence were received from David Friend, Lionel Friend, Mary Warwick, Ian Tough, Gordon Kuphal, Rosemary Chiles, Gail Bignell, Fred and Jane Elphick, John Cunningham and Bryan Smith.
4. An email from the Society' Vice-President, John Cunningham, was read.
5. The Minutes of the 208th Annual General Meeting, having been circulated among members present, were taken as read, were confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
6. The Chairman of the Council, Dr David Lister, presented the report of the Council for the year 2018. Printed copies of the Annual Report were available at the meeting. Special notice was given to the new projects including: the scholarship and publication programmes; application for National museum and National Archive status; plus new events including children's workshops and seminars.
7. Mr Nigel Sutton and Mr Andrew Bentley introduced the findings of the Auditor's Report and the Accounts and Balance sheet up to 31st December 2018.
8. Dr David Lister led the discussion and adoption of the Report and Accounts. The adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts were proposed and accepted unanimously. David Haseler asked that copies of the Report be circulated in advance of the AGM. This was agreed.
9. Revd Frederick Charles Elphick retired from the Council.
10. Alan Lewin, Bridget Smith, Rufus Moore, Kristin King and Erica Wyncoll were elected as ordinary members of the Council.
11. WMT Chartered Accountants were appointed as auditors for the coming year.

A note was added in memory of Patrick L Johnson, Council Member, former President of the Society, editor of *Things Heard and Seen* and author of *The Five Ages*.