

Statutes of the association Orgelfreunde St. Martin

§ 1

The name of the association is „Orgelfreunde St. Martin“. Headquarters is Batzenhofen.

§ 2

The purpose of the association is keeping up and maintain the ecclesiastical organ music in St. Martin, Batzenhofen.

A priority goal is the financial support of the church administration with the procurement of a new pipe organ for the parish church St. Martin in Batzenhofen or, if this seems to be more useful, with the preservation and modernization of the existing old organ.

Member contributions, donations, incomes from events and sales actions are dedicated to this goal.

In justified exceptional cases after resolution by the managing committee funds can be released for other purposes, which help to keep up and maintain the ecclesiastical organ music in St. Martin, e.g. procurement of sheets of music or payment of organists.

§ 3

Member of the association can become each natural person at the age starting from 18 years, which supports the goals of the association. Over the admission the managing committee decides after getting a written request. The annual contribution is fixed by the members at a meeting.

§ 4

The withdrawal from the association is permissible at any time, but must be done by written request to one of the members of the board. A withdrawn member does not have any claims to the property of the association.

§ 5

A member can be excluded from the association, if its behavior offends in rough way against the interests of the association. Over the exclusion the managing committee decides. If necessary the meeting of the members is heard before.

§ 6

The managing committee consists of

Chairman
Vice Chairman
1st member
2nd member
Treasurer
Secretary
Cash Auditor

Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary are authorized to represent the Association each of one's one both legally and out-of court. The managing committee is elected at the annual general meeting with simple majority for a period of 5 years. If possible there should be elected representatives of all towns belonging to the Parish of St. Martin. All positions can be filled by females as well as males. The current managing committee stays in duty until a new one has been elected.

§ 7

The statutory meeting of the members takes place annually, if possible in the first quarter. In addition a meeting must be called up, if the interest of the association does require. Each meeting of the members has to be called up via letter of invitation by a member of the board 2 weeks before. The determined agenda is to be communicated thereby.

§ 8

The meeting of the members is usually led by the Chairman. In addition the moderation can be delegated to any member of the managing committee. If the secretary is not present, the head of the meeting has to ask another member to keep the minutes. The adoption of resolutions takes place via a simple majority of votes. Abstentions and invalid voices therefore need not to be considered. To change the statutes a majority of 2/3 is required, to change the purpose of the association and for the dissolution of the association a majority of 4/5 is necessary. The kind of vote is determined by the head of the meeting. A written vote must take place, if 1/3 of the members present do request this. The resolutions passed are laid down in the minutes and signed by the head of the meeting, as well as the secretary. Minutes have to contain at least place and time of the meeting, present persons and the voting results.

§ 9

The association „Orgelfreunde St. Martin“ with headquarters in Batzenhofen exclusively and directly pursues church purposes in compliance with the section „tax-privileged purposes“ of the German taxation decree (Abgabenordnung). The association acts selfless; it does not pursue primarily self-economical purposes.

Means of the association must be used only for purposes in compliance with the statutes. The members do not receive money from means of the association. No person may be favored by expenditures, which do not comply with the purpose of the association or by disproportionately high compensation. In the case of dissolution of the association or the omission of tax-privileged purposes the means of the association become property of the Catholic Church foundation St. Martin in Batzenhofen, which must use it directly and exclusively for church purposes, preferably for care and maintenance of the church organ music in St. Martin, Batzenhofen.

This statutes were established on 14 October 2006 (Feast of remembrance to the consecration of the church), and accepted by the foundation members on 25 July 2008 (Feast of St. James the Greater).

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