

Annual report for 2015

The board

The board of the Kisumu Association hereby submits its annual report covering the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, which was the Association's 13th year of activity. The board consisted of nine persons: Bitte Brask chair person, Erik Källström deputy chair person, Monica Tilstam secretary, Per Kingfors accountant, Marianne Zetterlund member, Julia Olsson member, Britt-Marie Hagman alternate member, Anki Ahlman alternate member and Ann-Sophie Schubert alternate member.

Auditors

Auditor Christer Eriksson, chartered auditor, alternate auditor Lars Karlsson, chartered auditor.

Meetings

The annual meeting 2015 was held on March 25 in Skanskvarnsskolan in Årsta. The board held nine recorded meetings during the year.

Members

At the end of the year the Association had 529 members. During the year 4 members left and 10 new joined the Association. Among the members there are 270 who gave a donation of more than SEK 500 during the year.

In a few cases we have not been able to associate contributions with a person or organization. Among the members were 5 juridical persons.

Membership fee

The minimum monthly fee during 2015 was set to SEK 50 at the annual meeting of 2015. At the same time it was decided that the lowest monthly fee to grant voting rights shall be SEK 75 from January 1, 2016.

Economy

In 2012 the responsibility for the school was transferred to S:t Christine Foundation in Nairobi, Kenya. The school board in Kenya is hence responsible for the operation of the school.

The role of the Association is to be the principal sponsor of the school. Before each new school year an agreement is reached between the Association and the school regarding the Association's economic commitment for the coming year. For 2015 this commitment amounted to SEK 650 000. This doesn't cover the whole cost for the operation of the school, but presupposes additional funding, which doesn't come directly as a contribution from the Association. The Association has not succeeded to obtain sufficient extra income from other sources. The board therefore decided to give an extra contribution of SEK 53 0000. The present situation has also brought to light that savings are needed in the school operation.

In 2015 the board started a so called 90-account and initiated the necessary modifications requested by Svensk Insamlingskontroll. A last step in this process is to update the Association's bylaws in accordance with their rules. A proposal for changing the bylaws will be introduced at the annual meeting of 2016.

The financial situation of the Kisumu Association is presented in a separate profit and loss report and financial report. The net result for 2015 is a surplus of SEK 62 498. The board proposes that this surplus is transferred to next year's account.

Sponsors, juridical person members and major donators

In the year from January 1 to December 31, 2015 major donations were received from Söderköpings Rotaryklubb, ELIN – Ekonomiförening vid Linköpings universitet, Norrköpings Rotaryklubb, Agneta Livijn AB, SHB Fadderbarnsfond, IBM:are hjälper barn i världen, AIX Arkitekter AB, Föreningen WASSUP, Minne Inga Kingfors, Lars Karlsson, Björn Dahlberg, Janette Anderberg, Susanne Loheman.

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to providing good school education to the children of S:t Christine.

Activities

During the year the Association arranged the following events to raise money for the school's operation.

- Activity- and crafts meetings where members met and manufactured gems and other craft for sales for sale
- Sale of gems in members' work places
- "Culture night" in Norrköping September 27
- Fair Christmas Fair November 28 – 29 in Norrköping

Consultations

The Kisumu Association, the S:t Christine Foundation and representatives for the school S:t Christine Education Center met twice to confer and deal with common issues.

Member information, Newsletters and other dispatches

In 2015 four newsletters were issued from the Association via e-mail and regular mail to paying members. As in previous years the distribution of newsletters often reveals that members have moved to other addresses and forgotten to advise the Association. Likewise in the distribution of e-mails we discover that members have changed their e-mail addresses as the e-mails bounce back. We have tried in different ways to find the new addresses, but not managed to find all, which means that there may be members, who didn't receive our information. We hope that those who have access to computer and internet take part of the information via our web page.

Web page

Marianne Zetterlund, member and web page editor, spent much time and efforts to design and create a clear and simple web page where visitors easily will find up to date information and get into contact with the Association and the board. In order to make it possible for all members and other interested parties to find all information and follow all activities in the Association, the Foundation and the school there are links in both the Association's and the Foundation's web pages.

Closing words

With this annual report the board wishes to say thanks for the trust given us in the past year and at the same time thank everyone who has worked in and for the very best of the Kisumu Association. Our thanks also go to all members, donators and sponsors, who in various ways contributed both economically and practically to providing good school education to the children of S:t Christine. Looking back on the past year we are happy to see that also the fourth graduation class, which left the school in December of 2015 did so with very good results. To be admitted into secondary school the students need at least 200 points. The eighthgraders of 2015 reached between 240 and 450 points. Their high grades and motivation is most likely due to the fact that the pupils get two simple meals during the school day and that the teachers and other staff are highly engaged and supportive.

Stockholm, March 18, 2016

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Chair person	Dep. chair person	Accountant
Monica Tilstam	Marianne Zetterlund	Julia Olsson
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