

Latest news from S:t Christine School in Kabondo

Since the month of January the school has started a new school year. We are happy to look back on a year when the pupils again achieved very good results. All 42 students in eighth grade, who left the school, reached the qualification limit for secondary school. The limit is 200 points, and our pupils' results were between 240 and 450 points. An excellent result, which as before is partly due to the fact that the children get two meals in school every day and hence are able to cope with the work. Teachers and other staff also play an important role in the children's wellbeing and their ability to perform so well.

The school's economy

The school is totally dependent on the income the Association manages to get. Finding sponsors and donors in Kenya has shown to be very difficult. The clan culture seems to be one of the obstacles, which is difficult to get around. The Foundation has tried different approaches but not succeeded. The golf tournaments, which the Foundation arranged a few years in January, were popular. They generated some revenue, but it turned out to be difficult to establish relations and find sponsors in connection with these competitions.

The budget proposals, which the Association has received from the school, with estimated costs for 2016 exceed the revenue we expect to achieve and can guarantee. It will be necessary to implement certain cuts and prioritizing. Unfortunately we are forced to ask the school to be very restrictive with activities and costs, which are not absolutely vital. To be sure that we can operate the school with high quality in the longer run, our estimates show that we must limit the number of admitted pupils unless we can increase our income substantially. The income we have managed to get in the last years corresponds to the costs for 270 students. This shrinks the buffer of money for one semester, which we try to maintain in order always to be able to operate the school one full school year. A discussion regarding a plan for resolving this is ongoing with the Association, the Foundation and representatives for the School.

The Association's and Foundation's web pages

The Association's web page www.kisumu.se has a link www.st-christine.org leading to S:t Christine Foundation's web page. There you can find reports and news from the school. Right now this web page is being updated and therefore not available. The Association is also present on Facebook.

Upcoming activities

Work with the planned concert is under way. We have met problems finding a suitable hall in Norrköping, but we don't give up and our efforts continue. In our latest board meeting we decided to also investigate if we can find a suitable place in Stockholm in case we don't succeed in Norrköping.

Fairs, events etc.

We gratefully receive suggestions from you members for fairs, events, places and halls where we can participate or arrange our own activities hopefully in order to find new members and establish new contacts to secure inflow of funds for operation and maintenance of the school.

If you have relatives or friends, who are interested in buying Kenyan gems, please contact Bitte Brask, telephone 0707-57 68 77 or via mail to ordf@kisumu.se or directly to stafetten@hotmail.se

[Invitation to the Kisumu Association's annual meeting](#)

All members are invited to the Association's annual meeting

Time: Wednesday April 6, at 18.30

Place: Gårdsl lokalen at Fallskärmsgatan 13, subway to Skarpnäck and a short walk.

Proposed Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting (the chair person)
2. Election of officials of the meeting
 - Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Attestants
3. The matter of the meeting being duly advertised
4. Recording members present and establishing a register for voting
5. Establishing the agenda
6. Annual report
7. Accountants' report for 2015
8. Establishing the annual financial report
9. Appropriation of the year's net result
10. The matter of the board's freedom from liability for the year 2015
11. Decision of number of members and alternate members of the board
12. Election of regular and alternate members of the board
13. Election of regular and alternate accountant
14. Election of a nomination committee, 3 members, one of whom to act as summoner
15. Decision about admission fee,
16. Decision about minimum monthly contribution for 2016
17. The board's propositions regarding activity plan and budget for 2016
18. Propositions from the board and members
19. Miscellaneous
20. Closing the meeting

Documents included in this dispatch:

- Annual report for 2015
- Financial report
- Budget for 2016
- The nomination committee's proposal for 2016
- The board's proposed revision of the bylaws

Stockholm March 14 mars 2016 Bitte Brask, chair person

The Association's accounts:

Swish-account: 1236 072 698

The Association's 90-account: Plus giro 90 04 64 – 9

Bank giro: 5734-8534

Plus giro: 17 62 64 – 0

IBAN-number:

Contact our accountant per.kingfors@kisumu.se to get the Association's account and IBAN-number in Handelsbanken