

# Annual report for 2017

## **The board**

The board of the Kisumu Association hereby submits its annual report covering the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, which was the Association's 15th year of activity. The board consisted of seven persons: Bitte Brask chair person, Erik Källström deputy chair person, Ann-Sophie Schubert secretary, Julia Olson accountant, Marianne Zetterlund member, Monica Tilstam member och Håkan Andersson alternate member.

## **Auditors**

Auditor Björn Dahlberg, alternate auditor Anders Sandell

## **Meetings**

The annual meeting took place on March 29th in "Föreningslokalen", Olshammarsgatan 77 i Ormkärr. The board held 11 recorded meetings. In some of the meetings representatives for the Foundation and the school participated to deal with common matters concerning the school and its activities.

## **Joint meetings**

The Kisumu Society, St Christine Foundation and representatives for the school St Christine Education Center met twice for discussions and for dealing with common matters involving the Society, the Foundation and the school.

## **Members**

The Society has during the year distributed newsletters to around 400 members and former members. We estimate that about half of them have contributed with the stated minimum fee or in many cases substantially more. In general we have problems associating gifts received with identified persons, as the information given with the payments is meager.

## **Membership fee**

The minimum monthly contribution for membership with voting rights for 2017 was set to SEK 100 at the annual meeting .

## **Economy**

In 2012 the responsibility for the school was trasfered to the Foundation S:t Christine Foundation in Nairobi, Kenya. This Foundation is hence responsible for the school operation. The role of the Society is to be main sponsor of the school. Before each new school year an agreement is reached between the Society and the Foundation regarding the Society's economic commitment for the coming year. For 2017 this commitment amounted to SEK 660 000. This does not cover the whole cost for the operation of the school, but presupposes additional funding, which doesn't come directly as contributions from the Society. During the year it was apparent that the Foundation couldn't get sufficient funding from other sources. The Society therefore decided to give an extra donation of SEK 50 000. Also in 2017 the situation has made it clear that savings in the operation of the school must be made.

Through a major earmarked donation the Society could finance the building of a new library, which was completed during the year. Special contributions have also made it possible for the school to run a farming project with the goal to make the school self-sufficient on corn and other vegetables.

The financial situation of the Kisumu Association is presented in a separate profit and loss report. The net result for 2017 is a surplus of SEK 2 900.

### **Sponsors and major donors**

In the year from 1/1 – 31/12 2017 major donations were received from SHB Fadderbarnsfond, AIX Arkitekter AB, Susanne Loheman and Pontus Bonnier. The new library building was financed by Bo Riddarström and Eva Rudberg.

Many thanks to all members, sponsors and donors, who contributed to providing good school education to the children of S:t Christine during the past year. That your money does a lot of good is confirmed every time the 8th graders finish school with good results and when we visit the school, watch the activities and meet with both present and former students, custodians and staff.

### **Activities**

During the year the Society arranged the following activities to collect money to the operation of the school.

- Kenya-day, Park Folketshus 23 april, Liseberg, Stockholm
- Farsta gård's Christmas Fair 25 – 26 november Farsta, Stockholm
- Brännkyrka Hembygdsförening's Christmas Fair december Älvsjö, Stockholm
- Sale of gems in members' work places
- Rotary Club Stockholm – Brännkyrka and Rotary Club Tyresö.

### **Member information**

#### **Newsletters etc.**

In the year 6 newsletters were distributed from the Society via e-mail or regular mail to members, who don't have an e-mail account. Just like in earlier years we often find in connection with the distribution of newsletters, that members have moved and forgotten to inform the Society. We have in different ways tried to find the new addresses but in some cases not succeeded. This means that there may be members who have not gotten our information. We hope that those, who have access to computer and internet inform themselves via the Society's web page and Facebook page.

### **Web page and Facebook**

Also this year Marianne Zetterlund has managed the Society's web page and Facebook page. There are links to the Foundation and the school on the Society's web page so that all members and other interested parties may find all information and be able to follow all activities.

### **Final words**

With this report the board wishes to express our gratitude for the trust placed in us during the past year. We also wish to send a heartfelt thank you to all who have worked in the Society for its benefit. Thanks also to members, donors and sponsors, who in various ways, both practical and economic, have contributed to providing good education to the children of St Christine. We look back with great happiness at the time passed. The sixth class of 8th graders also left

the school with very good results. This year's class, who made their written tests in November reached the best results ever in the history of St Christine. Three of the 38 students reached above 400 points out of 500 possible. One of them got 423 points, a result never before achieved in the region.

To be admitted into Secondary School students need a minimum of 200 points. This year, for the first time since the school started, one student didn't reach this limit. We are sorry, but at the same time we know, that the teachers did everything possible to help this pupil to succeed. The good results and high motivation is most likely due to the fact that the children get two meals during the day and to the support and engagement the teachers and other staff offer them.