

# Annual report for 2018

## **The board**

The board of the Kisumu Association hereby submits its annual report covering the period from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, which was the Association's 17th year of activity.

The board consisted of eight persons: Bitte Brask chair person, Erik Källström deputy chair person, Ann-Sophie Schubert-Olhede secretary, Julia Olson accountant, Marianne Zetterlund member, Monica Tilstam member, Håkan Andersson alternate member and Frida Nilsson alternate member.

## **Auditors**

Auditor Per Kingfors, alternate auditor Björn Dahlberg

## **Meetings**

The annual meeting took place on April 25th, at Olshammarsgatan 77, Ormkärr.

The board held 9 recorded meetings. In some of the meetings representatives for the Foundation and the school participated to deal with common matters concerning the school, the Association and the Foundation.

## **Members**

The Association has during the year distributed newsletters to around 360 members and people who have expressed an interest in our newsletters. 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 for 2019**

The minimum monthly contribution for members with voting rights was set at SEK 100 at the annual meeting in 2017 and the annual meeting in 2018 decided to keep it unchanged.

## **Economy**

In 2012 the responsibility for the school was transferred to the Foundation S:t Christine Foundation in Kenya. The school board in Kenya is since then responsible for the school operation. The role of the Association is to be the main sponsor of the school. Prior to each new school year an agreement is reached between the Association and the Foundation regarding the Association's economic commitment for the coming year. For 2019 this commitment amounted to SEK 660 000. As this amount doesn't cover the whole cost for the operation of the school, the Foundation must find other ways to raise additional funds or alternatively make cuts in the school's activities.

For the Association's economic situation reference is made to the separate financial report. The net result for 2019 is a deficit of SEK 59 482. The board proposes this to be carried over to the new account.

## **Sponsors, juridical persons and major donors**

In the year from 1/1 – 31/12 2019 major donations were received from SHB Fadderbarnsfond, AIX Arkitekter AB, Summit and Friends, IBM helping children in the world, Amtrust Nordic, Rotary Älvsjö, Rotary Barnfonden.

## **Activities**

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

- March 24 African evening. An arrangement in cooperation with the Park Film Club at Folkets hus, Liseberg Stockholm
- Autumn /garden party at Liseberg, Stockholm
- November 23-24 Christmas Fair at Farsta Gård Farsta Stockholm
- November 30 – December 1 Christmas Fair at Lilla Tyresö, Tyresö Vandrarhem

### **Joint meeting**

The Kisumu Association, St Christine Foundation and representatives for the school St Christine Education Center met once for consultations and for dealing with common matters involving the Association, the Foundation and the School.

### **Information to members**

#### **Newsletters etc.**

During the year 5 newsletters and an invitation to the African evening were distributed from the Association via e-mail or regular mail to members, who don't have an e-mail account. In spite of our efforts to keep the membership register up to date we often find in connection with the distribution of newsletters, that members have moved and forgotten to inform the Association. Also when we send via email we find that members have changed their mail addresses as the messages bounce back. We have in various 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 Association's web page and Facebook page.

### **Home page and Facebook**

Also this year Marianne Zetterlund has managed the Association's home page and Facebook page. There are links to the Foundation and the school on the Association'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 our sincere thanks to all those, who have worked in the Association and for its benefit as members, donors and sponsors and thereby both in practical and economic ways have contributed to providing good education to the children of St Christine.

### **Stockholm in April 2020**