

Annual Report 2021

The board

The board of the Kisumu Association hereby submits its annual report covering the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, which was the Association's 19th year of activity.

The board consisted of nine 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, Frida Nilsson alternate member and Kerstin Lindberg alternate member.

Auditors

Auditor Per Kingfors, alternate auditor Björn Dahlberg

Meetings

The annual meeting 2021 took place on April 21st, at Olshammarsgatan 54, Ormkärr.

The board held 8 recorded meetings. In some of the meetings representatives for the Foundation and the school participated to deal with current and common matters concerning the school, the Association and the Foundation. Further information under the heading "Coordination meetings".

Members

During the year The Association distributed newsletters to around 337 members and persons who have expressed an interest in our newsletters. We estimate that about one half of them have contributed with the stated minimum fee or in many cases substantially more. In some cases we have problems associating gifts received with identified persons, as the information given with the payments is meager. This doesn't apply to bigger gifts or donations, where the donator is always known

Membership fee for 2020

The minimum monthly contribution for members with voting rights was set at SEK 100 at the annual meeting in 2020 and the annual meeting in 2021 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's operation. The role of the Association is since as 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 2021 the Association's commitment was 543 kSEK. For the Association's economic situation reference is made to the separate financial report. The net result for 2021 is a surplus of SEK 55 346, mainly the effect of savings in the school. 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 2021 major donations were received from SHB Fadderbarnsfond, IBM helping children in the world, AIX Arkitekter AB. Special thanks to SHB Fadderbarnsfond, which in a decisive way contributed to the Association's activities and hence to the school in Kenya.

Activities

In 2020, due to the pandemic, it wasn't possible for the Association to arrange activities as Christmas Fairs, garden parties, African soirées etc. In an attempt to collect money for the operation of the school we opened a Christmas Fair and home sales 2020 on the Association's home page, which turned out to be quite successful. The sales via the home page/home sale continued in 2021 but under another heading. It remained active till the end of December 2021.

In November - December 2021 the pandemic restrictions were relaxed and Christmas fairs were allowed as in earlier years. We quickly reserved spaces and on November 20 - 21 we participated in Farsta Gård's Christmas Fair, on November 27 - 28 at Prinsvilla, Tyresö. On December 5 we participated in Brännkyrka Hembyggsförening's fair in Älvsjö and finally on December 16 - 17 we got an opportunity to place some tables and sell at the entrance of the restaurant of St Göran's hospital. The number of visitors was considerably higher than in previous years. To the fair at Farsta Gård came more than 5000 visitors, which according to the organizers was a new record. The result of these fairs was above expectations and substantially higher than in previous years.

Coordination meetings

In 2021 representatives for St Christine Foundation and the school St Christine Education Center participated in the Association's board meetings on several occasions. During the last year continual coordination was extra important due to the pandemic, which affected the school's operation in Kenya seriously. The Foundation's spokes person has continuously informed the Association about the current situation in the country, which measures the Foundation was forced to undertake, and how the economy affected the school's operation, students and staff etc.

Information to members

Newsletters

During the year 4 newsletters were distributed. In spite of our efforts to keep the membership record 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 notify us so that we can update our membership register and distribution list.

Home page and Facebook

Even this year our board member Marianne Zetterlund has managed the Association's home page www.kisumu.se 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. At the same time we also wish to send our sincere thanks to all those, who have worked in the Association and for its benefit. We also thank all members and sponsors, who in various ways have contributed, in both practical and economic terms, to offer the children of St Christine good education.