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Annual Report 2022

The board

The board of the Kisumu Association hereby submits its annual report covering the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, which was the Association's 20th year of activity.

The board consisted of nine persons: Bitte Brask chair person, Erik Källström deputy chair person, Ann-Sophie Schubert-Olhede secretary, Jan-Erik Ulrikson 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 2022 took place on April 20th, at Midskeppsgatan 21, Stockholm.

The board has held 9 recorded meetings during the year. In several of the meetings Ulla Sturaeus, representative of the Foundation and manager of the school, has participated. This has been of utmost importance, since after the pandemic we have constantly received new information and decrees from the Kenyan authorities, with regards to the pandemic and the great changes Kenya has made to the division and number of grades in Primary school. Ulla Sturaeus has updated the board directly which has been very important with regards to the costs of running the school.

Members

During the year The Association distributed newsletters to around 335 members by e-mail, and 7 members by post, and to 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 2021 and the annual meeting in 2022 decided to keep it unchanged.

Economy

In 2012 the responsibility for the school was transferred to the foundation St Christine Foundation in Kenya. The school board in Kenya is responsible for the school's operation. The role of the Association Kisumu is since then 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 2022 the Association's commitment was 595 000 SEK.

For the Association's economic situation reference is made to the separate financial report. The net result for 2022 is a surplus of 42 131 SEK. Better than budget, mainly the effect of higher membership contributions. 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 2022 major donations were received from SHB Fadderbarnsfond, and IBM helping children in the world.. Special thanks to SHB Fadderbarnsfond, which through their generous donations again has made it possible to run the school for yet another year.

We also want to thank all the members and other contributors. Thanks to your contributions the children of St Christine can get the help and teacher resources they need for to reach the very good results they achieve.

Activities

In 2022, no activities were arranged by the Association itself. Even if the pandemic was coming to an end, we did not think it was appropriate to arrange a gathering during the autumn. Under November and December, we took part in three Christmas Fairs. On November 19 - 20 we participated in Farsta Gård's Christmas Fair, on November 26 - 27 at Prinsvillan, Tyresö. On December 4 we participated in Brännkyrka Hembygdsförening's fair in Älvsjö. The number of visitors to the fairs was high, but unfortunately Stockholm was hit by a heavy snowfall in the night between the 19 – 20 of November which caused the fair on Sunday to be cancelled, due to the risk of snow falling from the roofs. It was impossible to move between all the market tents that lay demolished on the ground of the yard and hidden under half a meter of snow. This unfortunately affected the revenues that turned out somewhat lower than the previous year.

In December we again opened the web market on the Association's web site, where it is possible to buy mittens, ponchos etc, that was left over from the Christmas fairs. The web market is still open and more articles are added every now and then.

Coordination meetings

I 2022 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 spokesperson 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 7 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 site and notify us so that we can update our membership register and distribution list.

We would like to take this opportunity to deeply thank Per Thörnblad, who for many years and in a fantastic way has translated our news letters and annual documents into English.

Web site and Facebook

Even this year our board member Marianne Zetterlund has managed the Association's web site 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.

Stockholm, March 2023

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