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Annual Report 2023

The board

The board of Föreningen Kisumu hereby submits its annual report covering the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, which was the Association's 21st year of activity.

The board consisted of nine persons: Bitte Brask chairperson, Erik Källström deputy chairperson, 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 2023 took place on April 19th, at Midskeppsgatan 21, Stockholm.

The board has held 8 recorded meetings during the year. In several of the meetings Ulla Sturæus, representative of the Foundation and manager of the school, has participated to give us up to date information about the school.

Members

During the year The Association distributed newsletters to around 334 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 meagre. This doesn't apply to bigger gifts or donations, where the donator is always known.

Membership fee for 2023

The minimum monthly contribution for members with voting rights was set at SEK 100 at the annual meeting in 2022 and the annual meeting in 2023 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 2023 the

Association's commitment was 650 000 SEK. The Foundation plans to extend the number of classes, which so far has been compensated by cuts in the operation of the school.

For the Association's economic situation reference is made to the separate financial report. The net result for 2023 is a deficit of 92 437 SEK. An inferior result, compared to the budget, mainly the effect of lower 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 2023 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 extend a thank you to 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 that they achieve.

Activities

In November and December 2023, we took part in four Christmas fairs. On November 25 - 26 we participated in Farsta Gård's Christmas Fair, on December 2 - 3 at Prinsvillan, Tyresö. On December 3 we participated in Brännkyrka Hembygdsförening's fair in Älvsjö, and on December 10 at Park Folkets hus fair in Liseberg, Örby. The sales at the fairs went so well that we had to close our online web market, where we sell mittens, children's hats etc, due to the lack of products after the fairs. Everything we sell is handmade by members of Föreningen Kisumu. We also sell necklaces and bracelets made at Kazuri in Nairobi by women in one of the slum areas in the city. We do this in order to support the women, but also to fund the Association and St Christine school.

Coordination meetings

I 2023 representatives for St Christine Foundation and the school St Christine Education Center participated in the Association's board meetings on several occasions. This was in particular due to the changes in the school system by the Kenyan authorities.

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 site and notify us so that we can update our membership register and distribution list.

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. At the web site there is the latest information and pictures from the school that the board receives from the staff via WhatsApp.

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 school a good education.

Stockholm, March 2023

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