



Association des Amis des Familles et des Ecoles à Madagascar

Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting of the AFEM Thursday 22 November 2011 at 2:30pm in Forel (Lavaux).

The President opened the session at 2:30pm and welcomed the 6 members present.

Several persons were excused from this meeting:

Ms. Sylviane Perrin, Ms. Muriel Geiger and Mr. Martin Haab

Committee member Ms. Herisoa Podwika is absent due to illness.

Each person received a copy of the agenda with the notification of the meeting.

1. Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting

These minutes were accepted without modification.

2. The President's Report for 2011 - 2012

The President's Report was sent out with the notification of the meeting. We wish to comment on the following salient points:

- The country's political situation is generally worsening. Our partner NSAM in particular is being hindered in its attempt to help the community. The number of illnesses and hospitalizations we are dealing with is rising. Ms. Bakoly, President of the NSAM works tirelessly despite her very demanding occupation.
- NSAM was obliged to part ways with Lala, the head of the School sector. This was carried out during the President's visit to Madagascar in September. Lala's relations with teachers and students' parents were strained. René, Lala's husband and a

member of the NSAM committee, does not appear to have objected to this decision. The NSAM committee appointed Ms. Adeline, a former teacher, to the position after Lala's departure.

- Toly, the head of the Family sector, is doing excellent work. During the President's visit, she accompanied him to meetings with the doctors with whom she works. These meetings allowed us to identify the cases we wished to take on. Of course, we could not take on cases that were too serious. The doctors' fees seemed to be perfectly reasonable. We received a discount of 5% from the Anosizato pharmacy.

Following the President's comments, Ms. Zweifel expressed her satisfaction with our work and the transparency with which AFEM members are kept informed of said work.

3. Presentation of 2011-2012 accounts

The School and Family accounts were presented by Ms. Muriel Rey. They can be found in the form of annexes to this document.

4. Comments on 2011-2012 accounts

Muriel, our treasurer, noted that an exceptional donation of \$25,000 from Edwards Life Sciences, Nyon, has allowed the School sector to end the year in the black. As a result, we must now try to expand our circle of donors, as a donation such as this is rare.

5. Auditor's reports

As Mr. Haab was unavailable, Ms. Zweifel read her report. She signed the accounts and asked the assembly to approve them. In her report, she thanked Ms. Muriel Rey for the clear presentation of the accounts. She also noted that it was thanks to the exceptional donation from Edwards Life Sciences that the accounts were in credit.

6. Discussion on the Activity Report and the accounts

Ms. Zweifel noted that donors were kept well-informed as they received bi-annual

communications from the President by mail.

7. Adoption of the Activity Report and the accounts

The Activity Report and the accounts were unanimously accepted.

8. Information on the program and budget for 2012 - 2013

You will find enclosed the budget for the Family and School sectors, which you will notice are the same as last years'.

9. Election of auditor

Ms. Zweifel was delighted to accept this position. The President will contact Mr. Haab to ask him to assist Ms. Zweifel.

10. Any other business and individual suggestions

None

11. Date of the next Annual General Meeting

Thursday 21 November 2013 at 2.30 pm in the Rossignols room at Forel (Lavaux)

The Secretary

