



# Association des Amis des Familles et des Ecoles à Madagascar

## **Minutes of the 19th AFEM Annual General Meeting Thursday 21 November 2013 at 14h30 in Forel (Lavaux).**

The President opened the session at 2:30pm and welcomed the 7 members present.

Several persons were excused from this meeting:

Jean-Paul Bart (from Régie Naef), Martin Haab, Jean Schwarzenbah (due to hospitalisation).

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

### **1. Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting**

These minutes were accepted without modification.

### **2. The President's Report for 2012 - 2013**

The President's Report was sent out with the notification of the meeting. The members noted some important points:

Unfortunately, the political situation in Madagascar remains unchanged. New elections are underway. The members wondered whether Madagascar will ever have a president capable of ruling the country.

#### **Families Sector**

Incidences of malnutrition and hospitalizations were on the rise as a result of increasing poverty. The organization's help was very much sought after but it has had to refuse to take on cases that could be handled by state-run institutions. A thank you letter would be sent to all the doctors who work with the organization.

#### **Schools Sector**

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Adeline, the new head of the Schools sector,

the children's grades improved considerably.

### **3. Presentation of the 2012-2013 accounts**

The accounts were presented by Muriel Rey Borno:

The Families account was overspent by CHF 15,057.30. AFEM did not request funding from the Linsi Foundation in 2012-2013 but the Foundation declared that it was willing to continue providing funding, which the organization would accept in 2013-2014.

The Schools account overspent by CHF 8,460.70, due to the transfer of CHF 15,000 to the Families account (balance of the donation from Edwards Life Sciences).

### **4. Remarks on 2012-2013 accounts**

The committee was aware that the organization needed to find new donors. One possibility suggested was the supermarket chain Migros.

They expressed their gratitude for the loyalty of their long-time donors. The President regularly sent thank-you messages to donors.

### **5. Auditor's report**

Ms. Zweifel read out her report. She signed the accounts and asked the members to approve them. She thanked Ms. Rey in her report for her clear presentation of the accounts.

### **6. Discussion concerning the Activity Report and the accounts**

Ms. Zweifel noted that donors were kept well-informed as they received messages from the President by mail twice a year.

Ms. Zweifel asked the members what they would do if they were to receive a CHF 50,000 donation and whether they could see themselves expanding AFEM/NSAM's activities. The President replied that it would be best to keep the organization at a modest size so that they could continue to effectively manage their activities according to the number of people working for AFEM both in Switzerland and in Madagascar.

**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 2013-2014**

The Families budget would be increased 8% to CHF 41,500.

The Schools budget would be CHF 2,000. If there was a considerable increase in the price of raw materials for Koba Tsinjo, as feared, the organization would be forced to replace it with another vitamin-rich milk-based or fruit- snack.

**9. Election of auditor**

Ms. Zweifel was happy to accept the position

**10. AFEM's change of address to Forel (Lavaux)**

The address of the organization's new headquarters would be:

Association AFEM  
Rte de Grandvaux 10  
1072 Forel (Lavaux)

The change would be reflected in the organization's articles of association.

**11. Any other business and individual suggestions**

The committee was reminded of the Christmas market at Sergy Saturday 14 December 2013.

**12. Date of the next Annual General Meeting**

**Members would be informed of the details shortly by mail.**

The Secretary

