

Minutes of the 4th General Assembly of 24 September 2022,

networkANTHROPIA, MÄNNEDORF

Present: 15 persons

Excuses: 10 persons, M. Juvalta, S. Bischof, J. Horn, L. Frei,

Agenda

I. Welcome

G. Schneeberger, R. Bachmann, H.R. Ochsner, A. Schraner B.Kehl

Music: Sevin and Wahid, two former refugees from Turkey, both already 4 years in Switzerland, welcome us with singing and a kind of "guitar". Renata greets everyone warmly. She especially welcomes Zilan Gencer from EcoSolidar, Ute Wolfangel and Sam Salih from Germany, as well as Nevroz, Evraz and Metin, a Kurdish family that was in the camp in Lavrio for a long time. She thanks "Emmaus" for the recurring invitation to hold our MV in their cafeteria. Our association has already existed for 5 years. Because of Covid, it is only our 4th general meeting.

Natalie Chiodi will lead us through the meeting this time, Renata will focus on the annual report.

2. Minutes of the 3rd general meeting

The minutes are available and were posted on the networkANTHROPIA website. The minutes are unanimously accepted and thanked.

Annual report 2021

Renata reads the annual report (Sept. 21 to Sept.22) with the help of a few pictures.

A picture by Catalano of a traveler with an unmanageable "hole" in the middle of the bronze figure shows us clearly that all the traumas that refugees carry with them are buried there in the cave forever, not visible to us in the people from the outside. Actually, all refugees would need therapy. The traveler in this picture is additionally in the water.

Many refugees drown, day in and day out still. There at the water our work started in 2016 and never stopped!!!

The year was marked by the beginning of development cooperation with EcoSolidar. We are happy about the fruitful cooperation.

In the area of emergency aid, many larger and smaller, unbureaucratic aid actions resulted, including in the large camp Ritsona, north of Athens, where difficult conditions prevail, as well as in the internment camp Amygdaleza and in the camp Myrsini in the west of the Peloponnese. When possible, we support with basic food, hygiene products, diapers and powdered milk for the youngest children. A shoe and school book drive was a great success.

A large individual donation from a school in St.Gallen helped us to obtain a discarded school bus, which has served us so wonderfully that we could not imagine life without it.

In our center in Lavrio, in addition to children's activities with handicrafts and games, language acquisition is not neglected. Renata and Christine teach English, Greek and German regularly throughout the year. As a new feature, Vangelis, the husband of one of the staff members, gives guitar lessons to the most talented youngsters, which is very well received. The progress is remarkable, the joy is great.

The area of humanitarian aid also includes the long-standing cooperation with "Wave Thessaloniki" and, most recently, with "BAAS". There we are helping to build up a community center in Ioannina.

Via Alain from "Enfants.Solidaire" we are also indirectly involved in Ukraine. Where the poorest and most needy are waiting for help, Alain is there, not only now, but also before the war.

We participate within our possibilities in family reunions, which is always a difficult matter, connected with a lot of work.

Also this year, the two social workers and trained clowns from Ireland have put together a magical and moving program in both camps.

The annual report of Renata is thanked and approved with a big applause. With a small gift (flowers and a voucher) we thank Renata for her great commitment, which is anything but easy and simple.

4. Annual accounts 2021 and auditor's report, budget 2022

It has to be said that our auditor, Beatrice Kehl, has dropped out at absolutely short notice due to illness. Hansueli reads the positive auditor's report in her place. It is acknowledged with applause and Beatrice Kehl and the absent treasurer Rosmarie Meuli are thanked for their correct and careful work.

Regarding this year's annual accounts it has to be said that the expenses are quite high, They are difficult to predict. During the Covid period, the costs increased significantly. Refugees could not work anymore, accordingly more food had to be delivered. Masks and

disinfectants cost a lot. Now the general inflation is extremely noticeable because of the Ukraine war.

There are no questions about the annual accounts and they are approved favorably and unanimously. Music by Sevin and Wahin pleases our mood after the dry numbers.

5. Elections

The whole board is clearly re-elected, as well as our president Renata Herger. Yvonne Lüthi steps down as vice president, but remains on our board. In her place Natalie Chiodi is elected as Vice President. Congratulations!

New elections: Gülistan Icer and Ute Wolfangel. Welcome to our board. We are looking forward to working together.

Gülistan: She is Turkish Kurdish, was for more than 1 year in the camp in Lavrio, where she worked as a nurse day and night also during the covid illness of some refugees for the welfare of all people in the camp and was an important part of our team. She has been in Switzerland for 1 year, has learned German very well and has just passed the Red Cross course with flying colors. She is now doing an internship in a home for the elderly.

Ute: We met her in Lesbos. She is very active in helping refugees in Germany. Besides her job, she has been in Lavrio 3 times for several weeks, where she supported Renata in her work and even substituted for her. So she knows our work very well.

6. News and outlook

The school in Lavrio works well with our good teachers. It is often quite Greek, read: a bit chaotic. We have to keep up with good organization and many meetings, then it goes well.

There are often many changes, also in the team. Ev. Mervin will leave soon. Without her it will be difficult in the beginning. There is nothing left but to integrate new women into the team, as well as teenagers.

In the Kurdish camp it is a coming and going. The changes are big, which requires a lot of flexibility on our part. Due to the large changes in the camps, the language class division is difficult. The post-Covid period and the war in Ukraine are big challenges. The inflation is striking, donations are difficult to generate. There is always only one "pie" to divide!

We are in a continuous process in which setbacks, disappointments, but of course also joy and pride about successes alternate again and again.

8. miscellaneous

There are no questions from the audience and also on our part there are no additions.

We enjoy the wonderful buffet, donated by Emmaus and eat to the sound of music, discuss and exchange ideas. Even a Bernese-German song, performed by Wahid, amuses the spirits. To Kurdish music is also danced and sung, the mood is nice. Some buy handicraft works of our refugees from Lavrio, which are displayed on a table.

Weesen, October 6, 2022 Edith Bühler Jud