

GMYS December 5, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: MDC Kendall Campus

Committee Members in attendance: Laurie Hill, Wallace Glenn Kerrick, Melissa Lesniak, Dinora Casanova, Monica Ruiz, Jennifer Mendoza

Minutes of Meeting Taken By: Jennifer Mendoza

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Laurie Hill at 2:35 p.m.

B. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the October 31, 2010 GMYS Executive Committee Meeting were previously circulated by Jennifer Mendoza via email to all Committee members on December 3, 2010. The Board members reviewed them. A clarification was made regarding the Kennedy Center Capacity Building Program. GMYS has submitted and application to the program, but has not received notification of status. A Motion to approve the October 31, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes with edits to reflect the clarification. The Motion was seconded, and the Minutes were approved.

C. Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: No reports are due for this month.

Fundraising: A gentleman who attended the concert at St. Mary's Cathedral and the October FIU concert gave a \$1,000 donation.

Dr. Lesniak reported that Playbill advertising for this year was greater than last year. Dr. Kerrick received Playbill donations from the Bagel Emporium and Lan Asian.

D. New Business

Dr. Lesniak and Ms. Chen met with a representative of the World Bank with connections with the Youth Orchestra of the Americas. Placido Domingo is the Artistic Director for the Youth Orchestra of the Americas. Possible mentoring programs were discussed.

Ms. Hill has met with Sandi MacDonald of the Cleveland Orchestra. The Cleveland Orchestra is presently in Phase 2 of its Residency and is starting community outreach efforts. The possibility of offering Master Classes to some GMYS students was discussed.

GMYS has received a \$1,000 grant from the Coral Gables Cultural Affairs Council.

Charter and By-Laws Committee:

Ms. Hill reported on research done regarding the governing structures of other non profit organizations. GMYS's governing structure is different from any other. Ms. Hill referenced the Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, and GableStage at the Biltmore having very different governing structures. Ms. Hill also had a discussion with Barbara Duffy, who was on the Board of Directors of YOPBC.

Other non-profit organizations have consist of:

- 1) Advisory Board
- 2) Functioning Board of Directors
- 3) Parent Booster

Members of the Board of Directors should be required to pay a fee, or get an organization to underwrite the fee on their behalf.

The Board of Directors would raise funds for the organization, oversee the Executive Director's efforts and get recognition for their efforts.

The Parent Booster would handle smaller scale fundraising, such as snacks, polo shirts, coordinate participation in events such as the Macy's fund raisers, and publish the newsletter. The Parent Booster would provide feedback to the Board of Directors and serve as a communication link.

Board of Trustee members sign up for a year, but most stay on. The Board of Trustee members should be given the responsibility to promote the organization and make it visible in the community. Make them feel needed.

Vicki Garrido, Senior VP at Northern Trust Bank of Florida, has offered to have a cocktail reception for NTB's private clients featuring GMYS chamber groups.

The possibility of amending the ByLaws has been discussed before and is up for vote in the Spring. Ms. Hill suggested that the possibility of amending the governing structure be given further thought, but to also consider the down side, and also consider what we want to preserve.

WLRN has a grant for documentaries. Dr. Kerrick and Ms. Hill offered to look research this further.

Officers should stay on for three years, as continuity is essential at this level, as was pointed out during the application process for the Kennedy Center Capacity Building Program.

E. Old Business: Dr. Kerrick brought up that Ms. Hill's picture should be added to the GMYS website.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Hill moved to close the meeting, someone seconded, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

GMYS Board President

GMYS Board Secretary
